



RULES AND  
REGULATIONS  
FOR THE  
**PALISADE  
MUNICIPAL  
CEMETERY**

*Adopted by Resolution 98-12, dated January  
27, 1998*

*Amended June 26, 2013*

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**CEMETERY OWNERSHIP, CONTROL AND  
HOURS**

The Palisade Municipal Cemetery is owned and operated by the Town of Palisade, Colorado, under the auspices of the Board of Trustees and pursuant to Ordinance 244. The Cemetery shall be open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. The Public Works Foreman shall act as the Cemetery Superintendent for the purpose of these rules.

**APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF LOTS**

All applications for purchase, transfer and assignment of cemetery lots or any special permits therefor must be made at the office of the Town Clerk.

**DONATED LOTS**

The Town Administrator may allow burial in donated lots with the decision based on the following factors: (1) person to be buried must be a Town of Palisade resident at the time of death; and (2) as a major consideration, the person must have no other means with which to purchase the lot.

**EXISTING CERTIFICATES OF PURCHASE**

As of June 15, 1968, any person claiming ownership of any lot, plot or grave space within the boundaries of the Palisade Municipal Cemetery which is not shown on the official Cemetery plat or located in the existing records of the Town of Palisade shall be required to prove legal ownership of the lot, plot or grave space before any anticipated burials can be permitted at the Cemetery. Proof of payment for perpetual care on any unused lot, plot or grave space purchased prior to June 15, 1968, must also be presented prior to the anticipated burial.

**INTERMENTS AND DISINTERMENTS**

Upon reaching the Cemetery, all funerals shall be under the supervision of the Cemetery Superintendent or his/her designee. After a casket containing a body is within the confines of the Cemetery, no funeral director, his/her embalmer, assistant, employee, agent, Cemetery official or employee, or any other person shall be permitted to open a casket or to touch a body without consent of the legal representative of the deceased or absent a Court Order. No interment, interment services or disinterments will be allowed on the following holidays: New Year's day, Martin Luther King day, Presidents' day, Memorial day, Independence day, Labor day, Veteran's day, Thanksgiving day (and the day after), or on Christmas day. For burials taking place after 5p.m. on weekdays or on Saturday or Sunday, a personnel overtime fee assessed at the then-current rate. Notice of pending interment shall be given to the Cemetery Superintendent no less than ten (10) working hours preceding the burial. Unless prior arrangements have been made with

the Cemetery Superintendent to provide for personnel overtime, any notice for burial received after 3 p.m. on a working Friday afternoon will be assumed to take place on the next Monday or working day. Special permission from the Town Administrator or his/her designee is required for all burial services to commence after 5 p.m. Again, personnel overtime fees will accrue.

All **disinterments** must be performed in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado. No person shall take up or remove the body of any dead person from its place of original interment without a permit from the Town Clerk.

**As of June 26, 2013 all burials are required to have a vault. Vault set fees will be assessed at the current rate set by the Board of Trustees. The Town of Palisade does not sell Vaults. Vaults may be purchased from a funeral home or memorial provider.**

**CREMAINS**

No more than ten (10) sets of cremains shall be buried atop an existing interment.

**PURCHASE OF INTERNMENT RIGHTS**

Application for the purchase of Cemetery lots must be made at the Office of the Town Clerk where plats showing size, location and description of all lots and the schedule of prices will be kept on file. Cemetery lots or grave spaces must be selected/previewed at the Cemetery prior to purchase from the Town Clerk. The price of all lots and grave spaces will be set by the Board of Trustees.

**RESALE OF CEMETERY LOTS, PLOTS & SPACES**

Owners of Cemetery lots, plots or spaces are **not permitted to resell** purchased lots, plots or grave spaces without the express consent and permission of the Town of Palisade. The Town reserves the right of first refusal to repurchase from the original owner — at the original sale price — any lot, plot or grave space the owner anticipates to offer for resale. If the Town of Palisade is not interested in re-purchasing the lot, plot or grave space, express consent to resell such lot, plot or grave space is still mandatory. Lots may be bequeathed.

**CONTROL OF WORK BY TOWN OF PALISADE**

All improvements or alterations of individual lots, plots or grave spaces in the Cemetery shall be under the direction of and subject to the approval of the Cemetery Superintendent. All grading, landscape work and improvements of any kind, and all care of lots, shall be done under the direction of the Cemetery Superintendent. All trees, shrubs and herbage of any kind shall be planted, trimmed, cut or removed; and all grave space openings or closings and all interments, disinterments or removals shall be made exclusively by the Town of Palisade.

**DECORATION OF LOTS, PLOTS & GRAVE SPACES**

Live flowers shall not be planted on any grave space at any time without prior approval from the Cemetery Superintendent. Any permitted planting shall be within ten (10) inches of the monument or in an approved vase. Artificial or fresh cut flowers may be placed in a metal vase at any time. However, such flowers will be discarded when dead, faded, broken, disheveled or unsightly. Sprays and wreaths made from fresh cut flowers will be allowed but they will be removed within two (2) weeks, or if in the opinion of the Cemetery Superintendent, they become unsightly or detrimental. Christmas blankets and wreaths shall be allowed from December 1st through March 1st. Artificial sprays and wreaths shall be allowed from May 1st through June 15th and from December 1st through March 1st. The Superintendent will remove all artificial sprays and wreaths when they become unsightly, detrimental or have been windblown from the grave space. No privately placed bushes or trees of any kind will be allowed on grave spaces. Placing of boxes, shells, stones, boulders, toys, ornaments, chairs, settees, glass, urns, fences, wood or metal cases, and/or temporary grave markers is not permitted.

**LIABILITY TO DECORATIONS**

The Town of Palisade shall not be held liable for lost, misplaced, stolen or broken flower vases – metal or otherwise – nor for damage by the elements, thieves, vandals or by causes beyond its control. The Town of Palisade reserves the right to regulate the method by which the lots, plots and grave spaces are decorated and when decorations are removed in order to maintain attractive, safe and pleasant Cemetery grounds.

**CHILDREN**

Children under the age of fifteen (15) are not permitted within the Cemetery grounds unless supervised by a parent or guardian.

**REMOVAL OF VEGETATION & WILDLIFE**

Removal of all vegetative matter, for example, flowers (whether wild or cultivated); plants, shrubs or trees; and willful damage to or destruction of plants, shrubs, trees and other vegetative matter is strictly prohibited. Likewise, any wildlife nesting, resting, crossing or residing within the Cemetery grounds shall not be harassed, removed or harmed in any manner.

**DOGS**

Dogs (with the exception of service dogs) are not allowed on the Cemetery grounds. The owner or keeper of any dog that trespasses on the Cemetery grounds will be liable for any damage incurred by such trespass.

**CONDUCT OF INDIVIDUALS AND PARTIES**

All individuals and parties entering the Cemetery grounds shall conduct themselves in a quiet, respectful manner. There shall be no loitering or after-hours trespass in the Cemetery.

Individuals and/or parties are not permitted to sit or lounge upon, deface or treat with disrespect any grave space, headstone or monument on the Cemetery grounds.

**MONUMENTS AND MARKERS**

No memorial or grave marker will be allowed on any burial space until the space has been fully paid and the certificate of title has been delivered to the purchaser. Only one (1) upright monument or marker shall be permitted on each lot, plot or grave space. The use of tiles, bricks, gravel, crushed rock, oyster shell, cinders or other materials is prohibited on any lot in the Cemetery. The Town Administrator has the authority to reject any plan or design for any memorial he/she deems unsuited to the grave space or Cemetery. Foundations shall be required for all monuments and markers of every description. All foundations must be made of concrete, positioned flush with the ground and of ample size and depth to properly carry the weight and size of the headstone or monument that sits upon it. All foundations must be six (6) inches wider and six (6) inches longer than the base of the headstone. Note: Because of the smaller grave-space size, all monuments in the “Fairyland” section of the Cemetery only require a four (4) inch base. **All foundations must be approved before setting by the Cemetery Superintendent.**

All monuments and headstones must be installed or removed under the supervision of the Cemetery Superintendent. Town of Palisade work crews will suspend their labors during a funeral service.

**LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES**

The Town of Palisade shall not be held liable for any damages to any monument, marker or structure due to lawn care or maintenance or from any other cause beyond its reasonable control.

**Palisade Municipal Cemetery**

**Fees and General Information**

*All of our fees are one time only.*

<b>Adult Burial</b>	
Grave Space	\$1,000.00
Perpetual Care	\$700.00
Opening and Closing*	\$600.00
Development Fee	\$300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

*\*Opening and Closing Fee can only be paid at the “Time of Need”*

<b>Cremains Set</b>	
Grave Space	\$800.00
Perpetual Care	\$700.00
Opening and Closing*	\$300.00
Development Fee	\$150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,950.00</b>

Cremains burial on an occupied grave: Opening and Closing only - \$300.00

*\*Opening and Closing Fee can only be paid at the “Time of Need”*

Up to 10 cremains sets may be interred in one grave space. Grave Space, Perpetual Care and the Development fee only need to be paid once. Each additional cremains set interred only needs to pay the Opening & Closing fee.

<b>Infant Burial in Fairy Land (4 feet or less)</b>	
Grave Space	\$385.00
Perpetual Care	\$660.00
Opening and Closing*	\$550.00
Development Fee	\$275.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,870.00</b>

Infant burial on an occupied grave: Opening and Closing only - \$550.00

*\*Opening and Closing Fee can only be paid at the “Time of Need”*

Over Time <i>(After 5:00 p.m. weekdays, weekends &amp; holidays)</i>	\$550.00
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Our Public Works Department can supply the **casket lowering equipment, tables, table cloths and chairs** at no extra cost. We do **NOT** supply **grave stones, vaults, monuments/markers or decorations of any kind.**

*Note: any lot purchased prior to 1993 will be required to pay the development fee at the current price. Any lot purchased after 2013 will be required to have a vault. Please call (970) 464-5602 or e-mail [kchristian@townofpalisade.org](mailto:kchristian@townofpalisade.org) any questions.*