

ARTICLE VI. PUBLIC PROPERTY

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Secs. 18-179—18-209. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. COMMUNITY BUILDING

Sec. 18-210. Rules for use.

The rules of use for the community building are kept on file in the office of the town clerk. The board of commissioners or the town manager has the right to amend the rules of the community building at any time. No dances are allowed at the community building for any reason.

(Prior Code, ch. X, art. A, § 11)

Secs. 18-211—18-228. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. TOWN CEMETERIES¹

Sec. 18-229. General duties.

It shall be the duty of the town manager to supervise the cemeteries of the town and to have the same kept in good order and worked and cultivated as provided in this division.

(Prior Code, ch. XII, § 1)

Sec. 18-230. Burials.

- (a) No person shall bury or cause to be buried any dead human body in any place within the town limits other than in one of the established cemeteries. Those cemeteries are Meeks Cemetery and Oakdale Cemetery.
- (b) All bodies shall be properly interred.
- (c) No person shall disinter the remains of any human body buried within the town limits without first consulting the county health department, the town manager, and the family of the body to be disinterred. No human body may be disinterred at either of the town cemeteries except an employee of the town or an employee contracted by the town, unless the town manager authorizes in writing a third party to perform said disinterment. If a body is to be disinterred at either of the town's cemeteries, vital effort must be made to contact a member of the deceased's family. All disinterments from the town cemeteries

¹State law reference(s)—Cemeteries, G.S. 160A-349.1 et seq.

shall be performed pursuant to the state statutes. It shall be the responsibility of the person, firm or corporation requesting the disinterment to comply with said statutes.

- (d) All graves will be opened and closed by an employee of the town, or an employee contracted by the town at a price determined by the town. See the current fee schedule on file in the town clerk's office for updated fees.
 - (e) Tents shall be furnished by the funeral home conducting the deceased's burial service.
 - (f) Before any grave is opened, the location must be verified by a town official.
- (Prior Code, ch. XII, § 2)

Sec. 18-231. Grave markers.

- (a) Marker sites must be approved by the town manager before placement.
 - (b) Markers must be placed at the head of the gravesite.
 - (c) Wording on markers must face the gravesite.
 - (d) All markers installed must be placed upon a foundation. Any previously installed markers may be placed upon a foundation at a cost as provided on the fee schedule in the office of the town clerk, plus the cost of the foundation.
- (Prior Code, ch. XII, § 3)

Sec. 18-232. Sale of lots.

- (a) From and after the date of the adoption of the ordinance from which this division is derived, the town shall issue easements to burial spaces or sections in the cemeteries instead of deeds.
 - (b) The town shall have the power to make easements for lots in the public cemeteries of the town at prices prescribed in the fee schedule set by the board of commissioners. Easements for the cemetery lots shall be executed by the town manager and no easement shall be delivered until the town has received in full the fee for the easement.
 - (c) Nonresidents of the town shall be required to pay a purchase price per easement in excess of the price established for residents, such excess price to be prescribed by the board of commissioners in the fee schedule. A nonresident is someone who does not reside in the corporate limits of the town and does not pay ad valorem (property) taxes.
 - (d) The sale of lots will only be permitted in approved sections of the cemetery that already have lots drawn. Lots are not to be sold in the walkways.
- (Prior Code, ch. XII, § 4)

Sec. 18-233. Easements.

No easement for a burial space or section in any municipal cemetery may be transferred or assigned to any third person except by written consent of the town. A new easement must be drawn by the town at a cost posted on the current fee schedule.

(Prior Code, ch. XII, § 5)

Sec. 18-234. Arrangements in the cemeteries.

- (a) The placing of vases, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, settees, glass, crockery, wood or iron cases, and similar articles and materials hazardous to lawn mowers shall not be permitted, and if so placed, the town reserves the right to remove same.
- (b) No holes are to be dug in the ground.
- (c) Only one flower arrangement will be allowed per gravesite at any time. See subsection (h) of this section for flowers for funerals.
- (d) The town reserves the right to remove any arrangement or container that is considered unsightly or inappropriate.
- (e) No arrangements over 48 inches are allowed.
- (f) The town is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to flower arrangements or containers.
- (g) No trees, shrubs, flowers, or other plants are to be planted in the cemeteries other than by town employees.
- (h) After funeral services, flowers placed on graves for the purpose of a service must be removed within two weeks of the date of the service.
- (i) No fences are to be erected in the cemeteries.

(Prior Code, ch. XII, § 6)

Sec. 18-235. Cemetery clean up.

Quarterly, town employees and volunteers will go through both cemeteries cleaning off grave sites of old, faded, wilted flowers and arrangements. Any flowers or arrangements that have blown off of any grave will be treated as garbage and will be hauled away with other garbage. The town will publish notice of each quarterly clean up in the Spring Hope Enterprise and on the bulletin board in the town hall.

(Prior Code, ch. XII, § 7)