

City of Springfield – Tree Ordinance

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 10-1. City cemeteries to be only public burial grounds; burials restricted to public burial grounds.

All cemeteries now owned or which may hereafter be acquired by the city are hereby declared to be public burial grounds, and no person or organization of persons shall establish any other cemetery within the city. No person shall bury any body in any place in the city other than the public burial grounds.

(Ord. No. 1953-15, § 1; Code 1972, § 4-1)

Sec. 10-2. City cemetery designated.

The cemetery now owned by the city shall be known as "The Reese Cemetery."

(Ord. No. 1953-15, § 2; Code 1972, § 4-2)

Sec. 10-3. Director of public works to promulgate rules and regulations.

The director of public works shall make rules and regulations to promote the general objects of this chapter and for the general improvement of the public burial grounds, subject to the approval of the city council.

(Ord. No. 1953-15, § 8; Code 1972, § 4-3)

Sec. 10-4. Establishment of grades.

The director of public works shall establish grade levels at which all graves in a given area shall be kept.

(Ord. No. 1953-15, § 5; Code 1972, § 4-4)

Sec. 10-5. Approval of monuments and plants.

The material and manner of erecting monuments, headstones and markers, the type, location and trimming of trees and shrubs, and the manner in which they are planted shall be subject to the approval of the director of public works.

(Ord. No. 1953-15, § 5; Code 1972, § 4-5)

Sec. 10-6. Enclosures prohibited.

No person shall erect any enclosure in the nature of a fence, hedge or curbing upon any lot or plot.

(Ord. No. 1953-15, § 5; Code 1972, § 4-6)

Sec. 10-7. Director to plant trees and shrubs.

No trees or shrubs shall be planted or placed in the cemeteries of the city except by the director of public works.

(Ord. No. 1953-15, § 5; Code 1972, § 4-7)

Sec. 10-8. Trespassing; damaging cemetery property.

No person shall cut, remove, injure or carry away any tree, flower or other decorative planting; nor deface, injure, remove or displace any monument, marker or ornamental equipment; nor carry away, remove, destroy or injure any flowerpot, vase, flowers or other ornamentation; nor shall any person traverse any portion of the cemetery except upon ways provided for such purpose.

(Ord. No. 1953-15, § 6; Code 1972, § 4-8)

State law references: Willfully destroying or injuring tombs of the dead, MCL 750.387.

Sec. 10-9. Removal of ornamentation.

Whenever, in the judgment of the director of public works, any tree, plant, shrub or ornamentation of any kind has become unsightly, dangerous or detrimental to the adjacent lot owners, or the public use of the cemetery, the director of public works may remove the tree, plant, shrub or ornamentation.

(Ord. No. 1053-15, § 7; Code 1972, § 4-9)

Secs. 10-10--10-30. Reserved.