

## **Jerome Cemetery**

Under Direction of the Jerome Cemetery Maintenance District

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### History

The Jerome Cemetery Association was organized September 2, 1914 as a non-profit organization to fill a vital need in the new community of the North Side area. The organization has operated and improved this cemetery ever since it's conception as a non-profit organization at the lowest possible cost to the people of the Jerome community, and free from any town, district, or county tax levy or burden on the people of Jerome County.

We, the collective cemetery board members, take pride in our cemetery, and the beauty that has been created from the sagebrush of just a few short years ago, and at the lowest possible cost to the people who have needed our facilities.

The Jerome Cemetery Maintenance District was organized in 2016 after voter approval on November 3, 2015. It is the intention of the Cemetery Directors to continue to beautify this property so it will give to all who visit it the feeling of peacefulness and rest that a beautiful modern cemetery should suggest. The widest possible latitude is given to the individual taste of lot owners insofar as the same does not interfere with the general landscape plan of the Cemetery. We do not wish to make arbitrary rules, but it must be apparent to all that proper regulations, based upon our own and the experience of other modern cemeteries are necessary to make Jerome Cemetery one of the most up-to-date memorial parks in the West. If any rule seems strict be sure that is a good reason for it if properly understood. Every rule is for the protection of the lot owners. Any regulation which is not clearly understood may be clarified by the Sexton or at the office.

### Rules and Regulations – as of March 1, 2017

All lots shall be held in accordance with the Jerome Cemetery Maintenance District, the laws of the state and the bylaws, rules and regulations of the Jerome Cemetery Maintenance District now in force or which may be hereafter adopted; and no lots or graves shall be used for any purpose other than the burial of human remains.

All maps, plats, interment records, diagrams, etc, will be found at the Cemetery Office. The Cemetery Office is located in Room 203 of the Jerome County Courthouse, 300 North Lincoln Ave in Jerome, Idaho. Inquiries may also be made by calling 208-316-0147 or at jeromecemetery@gmail.com.

The Directors of the Jerome Cemetery Maintenance District have entire charge of all cemetery operations and employees and retains the right to hire, fire, and make other decisions for the safe and efficient operation of the cemetery.

All rules and regulations heretofore adopted which are contradictory to, or conflict with those herein contained, are hereby rescinded and declared void; and these rules and regulations are subject to change by the Directors of the Jerome Cemetery Maintenance District at its discretion, at any time and without notice.

Rates and Fees: The Directors of the Jerome Cemetery Maintenance District shall set fees including costs for lots, opening and closing of graves, for monument / marker foundations and disinterment. Cemetery Secretary shall be responsible for collection of all fees due and authorizing burial. All price changes are recommended by the Directors and presented at a Public Hearing prior to approval. Public comment is welcome during the Public Hearing, which will be announced in the Times News two weeks prior to hearing date as well as being publically announced locally.

Out-of-District rates are higher, as residents of the cemetery taxing district are publically supporting the cemetery while those living outside of the District are not. In-District is defined as any charges and /or fees that are being paid for by a resident of the Jerome Cemetery Maintenance District. Addresses will be confirmed. Current rates are: Full Sized Lot \$550 In-District, \$750 Out-of-District; Cremation Lot \$350 In-District, \$500 Out-of-District; Burial Opening / Closing \$600 In-District, \$900 Out-of-District; Cremation Opening / Closing \$300 In-District, \$450 Out-of-District. Infant and Child Opening/Closing up to age 15 are \$300, In or Out-of-District. Disinterment is \$1400, In or Out-of-District. Additional fees are charged for Saturday services, as well as services after 3 p.m. in the winter and 4 p.m. in the summer. Additional fees may also be charged for over-sized graves at the Sexton's discretion.

Added Oct 18, 2017: Columbarium, includes single niche, opening & closing, and name and date engraving. In-District, lower front \$850, lower back \$800; upper front \$1050, upper back \$1000. Out-of-District, lower front \$1050, lower back \$975; upper front \$1250, lower back \$1175. Memory Wall, space name and date engraving - \$150 single space, \$125 for two to four spaces, and \$100 each for five or more spaces.

If anyone buys a lot in an area where it is known that rock removal will be required, they will agree to additional rock charges along with opening and closing costs, and it will be noted in the official Ledger.

Scheduling: The Cemetery Secretary shall be in charge of scheduling usage times and conveying such time and grave location information to the Sexton. The Sexton shall require 48 weekday hours notice prior to burial, except in the case of legal/health requirements, and requested burial time is subject to Sexton availability and approval. The secretary shall inform the funeral home of any necessary delays. No Sunday services will be scheduled. No service will be scheduled between 1 p.m. on Friday of Memorial Day Weekend and 1 p.m. on the following Tuesday. Additionally, no services will be scheduled on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, or Christmas.

Hours of Operation: The Jerome Cemetery is open from 8:00 a.m. to sun down. Entrance is not permitted after dark and may be considered trespassing. Please do not enter if the roads have not yet been plowed in the winter as a stuck vehicle may result in damage to surrounding gravesites and headstones.

Payment: Payment for lot spaces and grave openings is due and payable at time of usage and shall be paid by family or by funeral home arranging service. No burial will be allowed until lot and opening and closing fees have been paid. Additional fees are charged for Saturday or Holiday services, as well as services after 3 p.m. in the winter and 4 p.m. in the summer.

Soliciting: No advertisement of any form will be permitted in the Cemetery, nor will soliciting be permitted. Only cemetery lots may be sold on site by the Cemetery Sexton or Secretary.

Burial Limitations: The burial of more than one body in the same grave is strictly prohibited, except in the case of Mother and Infant child, Twin children, or two children at the same time. One cremation is also allowed on a grave that has already had a casket burial; two cremains are allowed in one full sized lot, or one cremains in a half-sized cremation lot.

Gatherings: No person or persons shall be permitted to bring alcohol into the cemetery, hold picnics, demonstrations, or assemblies other than funerals or memorial services as approved by the Cemetery Directors.

Ownership: Lots (grave spaces) shall be conveyed to the Purchaser, only by receipt. No ownership shall be conveyed to Purchaser until all amounts due are paid. In cases when more than one space is desired at the time of burial, the unused lot may be paid for under contract. Those desiring to pre-purchase lots may also do so with a down payment equal to ¼ the cost of all lots purchased. In either case, the balance due shall be paid, with interest at 1.5% per month, within 6 months from the date of initial purchase. In all cases of default, property will revert to Cemetery. Monies received in this case will be credited for future use, less reasonable administrative fees.

Grave spaces and lots may be owned jointly. Either owner or their legal heirs may grant permission for usage of spaces/lots. If lot passes to a legal heir, it is their responsibility to prove ownership, and an Affidavit of Ownership may be required. The Jerome Cemetery Maintenance District is not responsible for proving ownership. Lot sells may take place between individuals with the completion of a Lot Transfer Application and payment of transfer fees to the Cemetery. It is recommended that all families meet with Cemetery Official, so fees can be paid directly to Cemetery if desired, and rules can be reviewed.

House Bill 496 passed by the Idaho Legislature in 2016 offers cemeteries a procedure to reclaim unused lots after 50 years. Heirs of lot owners should remain in contact with the cemetery office to claim ownership and keep cemetery records current in order to maintain title to extra lots owned by deceased persons.

Decorations: The Cemetery prohibits enclosures of any kind around grave spaces and lots. Mounding of graves is not allowed. Glass containers are prohibited as are awnings, display boxes, trellis work or other structures that may inhibit normal cemetery operation. No wooden memorials are allowed except on Memorial Day Weekend and will be removed by the Sexton after 5 days. Grave decorations shall be permitted in and along marker line and on the markers, but shall not intrude into the grave space during mowing season. For permission for usage of other items, please request to be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the cemetery directors by calling the Cemetery Office.

Flowers and other decorations may be left for 5 days following Memorial Day, and 3 days following Funerals, after which they will be removed by the Sexton. Items the family wishes to retain should be removed prior to this time. Cemetery assumes no responsibility for items left at gravesites.

Due to possible damage to mowing equipment, **No artificial flowers may be left after Memorial Weekend through October 1 except those placed directly on markers or monuments and those encased in Marker or Monument Vases.**

Maintenance: No grave on any lot shall be opened, filled or sodded, except by employees of the Cemetery and under the direction of the Sexton. The cemetery authorities shall have full right to fill and level graves and headstones, and plant grass thereon when desired. All maintenance and repairs shall be done by the Sexton, or by workmen hired by the cemetery. Please report any maintenance needs observed to the Sexton or Cemetery Office. Any person bringing equipment or tools to conduct their own maintenance will be liable for any property damage caused.

Trees & Shrubs: Planting of trees and shrubs are limited to the marker line and shall only be done after obtaining permission from the Cemetery Directors and under the direction of the Sexton. Low maintenance trees and shrubs are required. Shrubs requiring trimming are the responsibility of the lot owners and may be removed if they become unsightly. The Cemetery, without notice, may at its discretion remove any trees or shrubs that interfere with the normal maintenance and operation of the Cemetery, which exhibit disease, or become unstable.

Liability: The Cemetery shall use reasonable care in engaging competent and experienced workmen and in supervising same, to insure that all work is done with reasonable care. The Cemetery does not assume any liability for accident or damage to persons or property. The Cemetery makes every effort to maintain a flat lawn, but those walking in the Cemetery do so at their own risk. Reasonable efforts are made to protect flowers, trees, shrubs, monuments, markers, vases and other property on lots, but no responsibility for their protection is guaranteed.

Theft, Damage & Vandalism: All persons are prohibited from gathering flowers, either wild or cultivated, and from breaking or mutilating any tree, shrub or plant, or writing upon, defacing, or injuring any monument, fence or other structure in or belonging to the Cemetery or the owners of lots. In the event of the violation of this regulation, such persons will be evicted from the Cemetery and the proper authorities will be notified. Violators, whether intentional or accidental, will be responsible financially for loss or damages. Persons placing headstones, flowers, and other items in the Cemetery do so at their own risk.

Processions: Upon entering the Cemetery, funeral processions will be under the direction of the cemetery attendants. No parking on grass. Cemetery speed limit of 10 miles per hour will be observed. Persons will conduct themselves respectfully at all times while on the Cemetery grounds. If excessive noise is to be a part of the memorial service (such as revving of motorcycles) please arrange to do so prior to arrival at Cemetery. Weapons, with the exception of military services, may not be discharged at the cemetery without prior approval.

Disinterment: Disinterment will be made only under the supervision of the Sexton, upon the filing of the State Disinterment Permit or other papers required by law, and the payment in advance of the costs, as set by the Directors. Disinterments are governed strictly by State Law, and only such persons as authorized by such law to be present will be allowed on the premises when disinterment is done. Further information may be obtained at the Cemetery Office.

Should any single grave be vacated through the removal of the body, the use of this ground shall revert immediately to the Cemetery and the usual fee for disinterment will be charged; but if the body is moved to a different lot purchased from the Cemetery, the amount originally paid for the vacated lot, shall be allowed to purchaser, and credited toward the purchase of the new lot. Opening and closing fees will apply.

Set Up and Vaults: Outer burial containers are required at the Jerome Cemetery. Funeral Directors are responsible for individual grave set ups and shall inform the Secretary at the time of scheduling services as to the type of outer burial container. If a steel, cement or concrete vault is to be constructed upon or in any lot or grave, the design type and size of said vault must be pre-approved by the Sexton prior to service.

Temporary Markers: The Cemetery shall assume no responsibility for marking of any grave spaces. Every grave space shall be marked in an approved manner within 24 hours of interment by the funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Monuments & Headstones: The Cemetery reserves the right to construct all foundations for monuments, markers, Mausoleums or other super-structures, and to have all excavations, digging of graves, grading and sodding of lots performed by their own workmen. The Cemetery also reserves the right to prohibit the erection of any vault, monument, marker or other monumental work that may be considered by the Cemetery Authorities inappropriate either in material, design, workmanship, site or location or which might interfere with the general view or effect. The Sexton shall be consulted by any lot owners contemplating the placing of monuments or markers, so he may advise them of the size of the space owned by them and how much should

be taken up by monuments or markers. No monument, marker or other structure shall be erected on any lot or grave until the purchase price of such lot or grave is fully paid.

Lot owners desiring monuments or headstones outside the usual requirements may contact the Cemetery Secretary and request to be placed on the agenda of the next directors meeting so their request can be presented for consideration and either approved or denied by vote of the District Directors.

Headstones and monuments may be no wider than 24 inches, and no taller than 48 inches without prior approval from the directors. Single lot markers should be no longer than 36 inches, and double lot markers no longer than 72 inches, including the base. Half lot cremation markers should be flat, as should second or foot markers on a full size lot. Fees for headstone and monument settings vary. Please consult Sexton for rate.

Indigent Burial: Any person requesting indigent consideration will be referred to the Jerome County Social Service office for processing and qualification for burial of cremains. If a lot is needed and approved the Sexton will have choice of lot. If approved, cemetery offers cremation lot along with opening and closing only.

Burial Permits: Funeral Directors must furnish the Cemetery with proper Burial Permit and other necessary Vital Statistics required for a complete interment record, before such burial will be permitted. Undertakers must comply in every respect with the rules and regulations of this Cemetery, and all state laws and regulations now in force or that may be adopted in the future. Individuals arranging cremation interment at a later date must present a copy of the Death Certificate or Burial Permit prior to interment.

Animals: No dogs or other animals will be permitted in the cemetery without prior approval from the Sexton, including horse drawn conveyances.

Decorum: Visitors are reminded that these grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment of the deceased, and that a strict observance of proper decorum will be required of all. Adults are responsible for instructing young people in the proper way to demonstrate respect while in the Cemetery.

Approved by the Directors of the Jerome Cemetery Maintenance District – February 15, 2017

Columbarium and Memory Wall pricing approved by Directors of the Jerome Cemetery Maintenance District – Oct 18, 2017