

**CITY OF COTTER
Cotter, Arkansas**

ORDINANCE 2020-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ESTABLISHING RULES, REGULATIONS, AND THE FEES FOR GRAVE SPACES FOR SALE IN THE COTTER WALNUT HILL CEMETERY

WHEREAS: Walnut Hill Cemetery is owned by, and under the care and control of, the City of Cotter, Arkansas and

WHEREAS: there is a need to compile Ordinances and Resolutions into one Ordinance document for managing the cemetery, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Cotter, Arkansas:

SECTION 1: The price for burial space shall be as follows:

1. Each single burial space, deed dimension 5 ft x 12 ft: Three Hundred dollars (\$300.00)
2. Each four (4) space plot, deed dimension 20 ft x 12 ft: One Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$1,200.00)
3. Each four (4) space plot purchased and paid for at one time: Nine Hundred dollars (\$900.00)

SECTION 2: An "Outer burial container" is required, meaning a container that is placed or intended to be placed into the burial excavation of a grave and into which a casket is placed or intended to be placed at the time of burial. This container may also be referred to as a vault. To prevent settlement of the gravesite, a rigid outside container made of concrete, metal, or fiberglass shall be used for all burials in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

SECTION 3: The fees for grave opening and closing in Cotter's Walnut Hill Cemetery will be \$450.00 during the week and \$550.00 on the weekend and holidays. Cremation burial Monday through Friday shall be \$100.00; and Cremation burial on Weekend and Holidays shall be \$150.00. No charge if we do not dig for Cremations. In addition to these fees, if blasting is required for rock removal, the entire cost of the blasting will be added to the normal fees.

SECTION 4: Rules and regulations as to what may be planted and done regarding graves and/or grave lots in said CITY cemetery are as follows:

A. No enclosure of any kind, such as, by way of illustration but not by way of limitation, fences, coping, hedge, or ditch shall be permitted around any grave or grave lot.

B. All planting of trees and shrubs, grading and landscaping, shall be done at the direction of the Public Works Director.

C. The size, material and design of any receptacles, including Cotter receptacles, must be approved by the cemetery superintendent, none of which shall be placed in the cemetery in such a manner as to create an obstacle during the mowing season (spring into fall).

D. The City shall cause seasonal flowers to be removed at the end of their season, artificial flowers to be disposed of when they began to deteriorate and floral pieces, baskets, vases, frames and other material to which floral pieces are attached, to be removed, all as it shall deem best for the proper maintenance of the cemetery.

E. The City of Cotter shall have the sole authority to cut weeds and grass and to plant, maintain or remove flowers, trees and grass.

F. Nothing shall be allowed in said cemetery or on any grave or grave lot which will prevent the proper maintenance and care of said cemetery; the removal of any obstacle, of whatsoever kind and nature, for such proper maintenance by the City, the cemetery superintendent and its or his agents or employees, shall be without liability for so doing and shall be final and binding.

SECTION 5: Burial space will be sold only to residents of the City of Cotter, Arkansas for the interment of members of the resident's family.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance repeals any Ordinance, or parts of any Ordinance, in conflict of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COTTER, ARKANSAS:

THAT THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF June, 2020



McGeorge Caradine, Mayor

ATTEST:



Andrea Kray, Recorder/Treasurer