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**14-101. Sale of lots.** In order that the City may at all times have a permanent record of the ownership of all cemetery lots, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation owning a cemetery lot in the Memorial Cemetery to sell, transfer or convey the same without obtaining the prior written consent of the Board of Commissioners. All transfers of ownership in plots and all assignments shall be subject to a charge of one dollar (\$1.00) to be paid to the City Recorder at the time of transfer or assignment.

**14-102. Price of lots.** The price of lots shall be established by the City Commission in regular session and future changes in the price of lots may be governed as economic conditions may dictate.

**14-103. Grave markers and monuments.** Only one (1) monument shall be erected on any single grave lot or any full size lot containing multiple gravesites. The area of the base of the memorial shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area of the lot. The length of the base of the memorial shall not exceed sixty percent (60%) of the width of the lot. The width of the base of the memorial shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the length of the lot. Foot markers may be permitted, provided they are placed flush with the ground. Exceptions to the above may be made on all markers furnished by the Federal government. Foundations will be required for all monuments and markers of every description. All foundations must be of concrete flush with the ground, and of ample size and depth to properly carry the size and weight of the stone. All markers erected in Section A, B, and D will be erected with the inscription facing the north or south, Section E with the inscriptions facing east, Section C with the inscriptions facing the west.

**14-104. Fences or walls.** No fences or walls shall hereafter be erected upon any cemetery lot and no corner markers or slabs shall rise above the ground.

**14-105. Shrubbery, plants, flowers, trees or growth.**

Planting of shrubs, plants, flowers, trees or other growth will not be permitted except by special permission of the City Commissioners. No person shall disturb the sod, plants, trees, shrubs, or flowers that have been planted by the City of Paris or authorized persons or interfere in any manner with the general design and beauty of the cemetery. Flowers, vases, wreaths, flags and other temporary decorations may be placed upon lots or graves contingent on the right of the City to remove them after a reasonable time if they become unsightly or mar the beauty of the appearance of the cemetery.

**14-106. Depths and boundaries of graves.** All graves shall be at least six (6) inches within the boundary lines of the burial lot, and shall be at least four (4) feet in depth.

**14-107. Responsibility of mortuary.** It will be the responsibility of the mortuary or other persons responsible for preparing gravesites to remove all surplus dirt from the gravesite or area surrounding the gravesite provided such surplus dirt was created as a direct result of preparing a gravesite.

**14-108. Identification of lots and/or gravesites.** The City of Paris will not be responsible for locating a gravesite in a plot where interment is desired and directed by the proper owner of the lot or any person having authority to authorize same as far as any mistake occurring for want of proper instruction as to the particular space, size or location in a plot from any person, firm or corporation. The City of Paris will assist the owners of lots of record insofar as it may be practicable to do so in order to insure that any undue hardship or other inconveniences to the family or friends of the deceased may be eliminated.

**14-109. Compliance with ordinance.** All lot owners will be furnished a copy of the Memorial Cemetery Ordinance upon request or at the time of purchase of a lot. It is hereby expressed that the owners of lots of record prior to the adoption of this ordinance are subject to the terms and provisions of this ordinance upon its final passage by the City Commission of the City of Paris, Tennessee.

**14-110. Uses.** The lots are hereby set apart and dedicated as a burial place for the remains of human beings only and for no other burial thereon and shall be maintained forever by the City of Paris, Tennessee.

**14-111. Producers and retail dealers of monumental materials.** They shall not be permitted to erect any stone or do any work in the cemetery until such dealers have submitted satisfactory evidence of their ability to perform the work and have filed and posted a good and sufficient bond in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) with the City Recorder which bond shall be conditioned and the principal thereof shall conform and comply with the regulations as established by the City Manager.

**14-112. Administration and Management.** The management of the cemetery shall be under the direction of the City Manager, who in turn shall be responsible to the City Commission for direct and complete supervision of the cemetery. The City Recorder is designated as the custodian of all maps and the issuing and recording of deeds and causing proper entries to be made in all permanent records maintained by the City of Paris. The City Treasurer will be the custodian of all cemetery funds and will disburse any income derived therefrom at the direction of the City Commission (Ord. #380, 07/05/66).