

CITY OF WINCHESTER

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OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, SCOTT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, SCOTT COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ON THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Winchester, County of Scott and State of Illinois, has determined that it be in the best interests of the public and necessary for the efficient administration of public services and responsible management of public funds of said City that certain regulations be imposed regulating the layout and decoration of gravesites within the City cemetery;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The preliminary paragraph set forth above is incorporated herein as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Code Amendment. Section 10-1-5 of Chapter 10, Article I, is hereby amended to read as follows:

10-1-5 IMPROVEMENTS IN CITY CEMETERY.

(A) All tombstones in the cemetery shall be placed in a line to be known as the tombstone line. All memorial or auxiliary markers shall be attached to or contiguous with the primary tombstone, excepting those memorial or auxiliary markers already in place as of March 1, 2017.

(B) All tombstones shall consist of a single stone or similar material without permanent extension or protrusions and must conform to customary cemetery-wide aesthetic standards.

(C) All graves in the City Cemetery shall be made level when set. Tombstones shall be placed on a proper foundation designed to maintain stability of

the tombstone.

(D) Footstones placed for any purpose are discouraged, but not prohibited. For the purpose of honoring military service, the attachment of a plaque to a tombstone is preferred. All footstones must be maintained level with the existing grade.

(E) All cornerstones shall be placed at ground level or not more than two (2) inches below ground level.

(F) No gravesite may be placed in any walkway or other area not denoted as a numbered lot on the relevant cemetery plat recorded with the county recorder and on public display at City Hall.

(G) No decorative plantings (whether real or artificial), signs, fences, concrete curbing or copings, benches, or structures shall be placed on any lot and shall be removed by the Cemetery Supervisor or his assistants, excepting any bench which constitutes and serves as a tombstone.

(H) No temporary decorative objects, specifically including but not limited to flowers, wreaths, bouquets, bouquet holders, or flags, shall be placed on any lot, excepting such objects when placed upon or adjacent to the gravestone itself within seven days of interment at such lot or within seven days of Memorial Day, Christmas Day, Mother's Day, and Father's Day. Decorations left past the seventh day following said interment or holiday will be removed by the Cemetery Supervisor or his assistants.

(I) No glass jars, tin cans, boxes, baskets, or buckets shall be placed at any time on any lot, including upon the gravestone itself, for use as a decorative bouquet.

(J) Up to two solar lights or similar items items per tombstone are permitted, provided that they are placed adjacent to the tombstone or foundation and are maintained.

(K) Saddle-type decorative bouquet holders are permitted when mounted upon the tombstone, as are heavy metal or stone vases if attached to the tombstone or tombstone foundation.

(L) One Shepherd's rod (two hook), placed directly against the tombstone

and placed such that the bottom of the hanging baskets are a minimum of twenty-four inches above the ground, is permitted.

(M) Any and all decorative objects, defined as including all objects other than a tombstone, footstone, or military service marker, which are not in conformance with the foregoing restrictions, and any and all items deemed to be a threat to public safety or the orderly and efficient maintenance of the City Cemetery, shall and will be removed by the Cemetery Supervisor or his assistants.

Section 3. Severability. In the event that any section, clause, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be found and determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid parts shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning March 1, 2017.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk is directed to have this ordinance published in pamphlet form within 10 days of its passage.

Passed this 1st day of February, 2017, by the City Council of the City of
Winchester, Illinois, by the following vote of the Council:

Alderman Fred Andrews, voting absent

Alderwoman Barbara Nash, voting yea

Alderwoman Chris Renner, voting yea

Alderman Bill Jacquot, voting yea

Alderman Steve Hoots, voting yea

Alderman Randy Fisher, voting yea


Mayor

Attest:


Clerk