

Pomerado Cemetery District

Rules and Regulations

Interments

1. Pursuant to California law, only a qualified resident or taxpayer of the Pomerado Cemetery District, or a qualified former resident or taxpayer of the district may be interred on District property. Non-resident fees shall be charged for interment of a person not living or paying property taxes in the District at the time of death, who is eligible for burial in Pomerado Cemetery District by Section 9061 of the California Health and Safety Code.
2. Families are requested to call the cemetery office in advance to schedule an appointment to make arrangements, however staff will make every attempt to coordinate families who are at-need.
3. Prior to the commencement of any interment or burial service, all necessary documentation required by the District must be fully executed and in the possession of the District. Such documentation shall include, but not limited to, an Interment Order and Interment Permit. No interments shall be made or other services rendered until all fees are paid. Interments shall require 48 hour notice, excluding weekends and holidays; however that does not guarantee that you will get your requested interment date and time.
4. The remains or cremated remains of the deceased shall be brought to the cemetery in a closed casket, urn or other approved container. Caskets, Urns and other containers shall not be opened in the cemetery.
5. An approved encasement shall be used in every interment. When any encasement is purchased from or provided by persons or entities other than the District, a handling fee as established by the District shall be charged.
6. A minimum of a cloth covered wood casket with handles is required for all interments except cremated remains. A durable container is required for all cremated remains.
7. No opening or closing of an interment space shall be made by anyone except employees of the Cemetery District. Interments shall be made Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. No services shall be performed on weekends or on District Holidays. The client shall have no more than one hour from their scheduled burial to complete their service. Funerals departing from the cemetery after the specified time shall be subject to a detention fee.
8. For safety reasons, no viewing (witnessing) of the casket or urn lowering is allowed.
9. The General Manager may refuse to perform any service or prepare any grave or niche for interment if conditions may be unsafe or dangerous to persons or property.
10. Maximum burials allowed per standard grave: 2 standard & 2 cremation OR 4 cremations. Maximum burials allowed per cremation grave: 2. No additional burials will be allowed once the terms of the contract have been fulfilled.
11. Except when ordered by a Court, disinterments will be at the discretion of the General Manager.
12. If the owner of the interment rights determines that he or she has no further need for a lot, the owner may request the District purchase said lot back by submitting a written request. If the District elects, in its sole discretion, to buy back said lot, the purchase price shall be in the same amount as the original purchase price minus the Endowment Care and Administration Fee. The owner of the interment rights may transfer the interment rights to an eligible person.

Cemetery Operations

1. District personnel are solely authorized to maintain the Cemetery grounds. In no event shall any other person alter, modify, mutate, turn or vary any grave, marker, vase or other object under District's exclusive control.
2. Cut or artificial flowers and small flags for Memorial and Veterans Day placed in flower receptacles installed by District personnel are allowed. Two flower receptacles are allowed for full size graves (One receptacle for cremation graves). No other objects may be placed on any grave for any purpose. Unauthorized items will be removed and disposed of by District personnel. Flowers placed at a gravesite after a burial service will be removed and disposed of on the third day following the service. Periodically the District will remove and dispose of all frayed or discolored flowers.

Exceptions: The District will relax its flower removal procedure during certain holiday periods throughout the year. In addition, if there is a birthday or anniversary of the person interred, then the family may request the flowers be left on the interment space for that week.

