

**Ector County Cemetery  
Rules and Regulations**

**ADOPTED BY  
Ector County Commissioners' Court  
December 13, 2010**

## **Mission**

Ector County encourages families, friends and the community to visit the cemetery. The following rules and regulations have been adopted as a guide to the use and management of the cemetery. The rules and regulations will help protect all who have interest here.

All lot owners of interment rights, visitors and contractors performing work within the cemetery shall be subjected to said rules and regulations, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by the Commissioners' Court of Ector County from time to time.

Rules and Regulations of the cemetery and prices for burial spaces and services are made by the Commissioners' Court of Ector County ("Ector County") and become effective upon approval by said Court.

Although public participation is encouraged during the amending of the attached rules, Ector County may, and it hereby expressly reserves the right, at any time, with or without notice to lot owners, to adopt new rules and regulations or to amend, alter and/or repeal any rule, regulation and/or article, section or paragraph in these Rules and Regulations. Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of the rule may impose unnecessary hardship. Ector County, therefore, reserves the right, without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications in any of the Rules and Regulations when, in its judgment, the same appear advisable, and such temporary exceptions, suspensions or modifications shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of such.

Ector County retains to itself, for the benefit of all interment right owners, full and complete supervision, control and management of the land, buildings, improvements, roads, walks, development, books and records, and the full and complete authority, rights and privileges to make, change administer and enforce all rules and regulations and restrictions not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Texas.

## **Lots**

All lots in the cemetery are sold in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Texas and shall not be used for any purpose other than as a burial place for deceased human beings. All lots are sold with permanent maintenance provisions.

Lots must be paid in full before a burial is made. Full purchase price must be paid before a certificate is issued.

## **ARTICLE I: Definitions**

Section 1: Cemetery: The term "Cemetery" is hereby defined to include a burial park for earth interment.

Section 2: Lot or burial space: The term "lot," "plot," "burial space" and "grave space", shall be used interchangeably, and shall apply with like effects to one, or more than one adjoining graves.

Section 3: Cemetery Director: This name shall be used to define the department head of Ector County Cemetery.

Section 4: Deed and Certificate of Ownership: The words “deed” or “Certificate of ownership” shall be construed to refer to instruments conveying sepulcher rights only in lots in Ector County Cemetery.

## **ARTICLE II: General Supervision of Cemetery**

Section 1: Hours: The cemetery grounds will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to lot owners and visitors. No one will be permitted to enter the Cemetery after 8 p.m. without a written permission from the Cemetery Director.

Section 2: Caskets not to be disturbed: Once a casket containing a body is within the confines of the Cemetery, no Funeral Director, or his embalmer, assistant, employee or agent, shall be permitted to open the casket or touch the body without consent of the legal representatives of the deceased, or without a court order. The Cemetery staff will lower the casket only after all persons (family members, friends, associates, etc.) have left the cemetery grounds ***NO EXCEPTIONS!!!*** Funeral directors, employees and/or agents of the funeral home and cemetery staff are the only personnel authorized at the gravesite during the lowering of the casket. The lowering device will only be operated by Cemetery staff.

Section 3: No soliciting or advertising: Soliciting or advertising of any kind will not be permitted on Cemetery property. Property owners may not post signs advertising the sale of burial plots. Vendors may not solicit business of any kind, including but not limited to stone cutting, monuments, and contract services.

## **ARTICLE III: Lots and Lot Owners**

Section 1: Decorations: Decorations such as flower receptacles will be allowed in front of the head stone only. Chairs, settees, benches, etc., will not be allowed. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove any decoration or other prohibited item from any lot if in the opinion of the Cemetery Director said object is a hazard to visitors or workers or otherwise detrimental to the appearance of the Cemetery. The Cemetery is not liable for damage to or loss of decorations, monuments or markers or other items left on the premises of the Cemetery.

Maintenance of gardens/grounds is continuous. Placement of flowers and all other decorations on ground-level will be removed monthly (at the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month). All Christmas decorations must be removed by January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Section 2: Boundary and Number Markers: All boundary and number markers set by the Cemetery must remain undisturbed.

- Section 3: Construction: All construction will be performed by Ector County personnel or its contractors. No construction such as curbing, fencing, canopy, or enclosure of any kind will be permitted by lot owners without written consent by the Cemetery Director. The Cemetery retains the right to remove any damaged or unapproved curbing or construction work without liability to Ector County.
- Section 4: Walks: No granite, brick, stone, concrete, cement, or any kind of artificial walks will be allowed on or adjoining lots or walkways.
- Section 5: Grave grading: No graves will be mounded after a funeral; they will be flush with the surface of the lot.
- Section 6: Tree and Shrubs: (*Shrubs in the Odessa Garden*) When trees or shrubs growing on any lot become detrimental to adjacent lots or avenues, interfere with the opening or closing of a grave, or interfere with irrigation system operations, the Cemetery shall have the right to enter said lot and remove all or a portion of the tree or shrub or other item growing that is considered detrimental, dangerous, inconvenient or interfering. Ector County Cemetery shall not be liable for any damage or loss of any trees or shrubs.
- Section 7: Planting: Trees will only be allowed after a *double or triple* headstone has been installed and only if there is adequate space for future growth with the written permission of the Cemetery Director. It is the responsibility of the property owner for the upkeep and maintenance of the tree(s).
- Section 8: Protection of Property: The Cemetery Director may take such action as he or she may deem necessary to protect the property of lot and grave owners, or that of the Cemetery, from injury to the lots and graves, grounds and buildings, or to preserve peace and good order.

#### **ARTICLE IV: Deeds to Lots and Rights of Interment and Removals**

- Section 1: Valid Title: Valid title shall not pass to anyone until the amount of purchase money and all other charges due to the County shall have been paid in full.
- Section 2: Arrangements: Interments will not be permitted on any lot until satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Cemetery Director concerning any charges against the lot, including charges and necessary documentation for the interment. A properly executed "Authorization for Burial" must be on file with the Cemetery Director prior to interment.
- Section 3: Funeral Designs and Floral Pieces: Funeral designs and floral pieces will be removed from lots when they become wilted, faded or unsightly. If the lot owners desire to retain any of the designs or floral pieces, they should be removed within seventy-two (72) hours of placement in the spring and summer, and within ninety-six (96) hours of placement in the fall and winter.

Ector County is not responsible for and will not retain pieces that are removed by Ector County personnel.

### **ARTICLE V: Interment and Removals**

- Section 1: State Laws of Texas: Disinterment shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas relating to cemeteries.
- Section 2: Charge for removals: Removals from one lot to be placed in another lot within the Ector County Cemetery shall be charged appropriate fees as set forth by the Commissioners' Court. Removal from Ector County Cemetery to be placed in another cemetery shall be charged appropriate fees as set forth by the Commissioners' Court if performed by Ector County Cemetery Personnel. It shall be the sole responsibility of the other cemetery to transport the removed remains to the new burial location.
- Section 3: Notice:
- a. Ector County reserves the right to require at least eight (8) hours notice prior to any interment, and at least one (1) week notice prior to any disinterment or removal.
  - b. **No removals will be made on any holiday approved by Ector County, Saturday or Sunday.**
  - c. **No interments or funerals will be made on Sunday or any holiday approved by Ector County.**
  - d. The right is reserved by the Cemetery Director to request notice and exact burial location before 12:00 noon on Friday for a Saturday funeral.
  - e. When County holiday occurs, the Cemetery shall issue written notice to local funeral homes for the latest time and day to schedule funerals on a Saturday.
  - f. Every Monday or the day after a holiday the Cemetery reserves the right to request notice and exact burial location before 8:30 a.m. for a funeral to be held that same day. The Cemetery further reserves the right to limit the time for the funeral to take place no earlier than 2:00 p.m. If, in the opinion of the Cemetery Director, the number of funerals set for a designated day is at maximum allowable capacity, the Cemetery reserves the right to deny a request for a funeral to be held on the indicated day and request the date of the funeral be moved to the following day.
  - g. On occasions when a funeral director or other person is scheduling a funeral and there is a date and time conflict with another previously scheduled funeral, the Cemetery reserves the right to deny the second request a change the time of the second funeral to a time that does not conflict with the previously scheduled funeral. Both parties involved must agree

in writing to have funeral services at the exact same time and date after being notified of the possible problems or risks that may be involved and they still desire to have concurrent services.

- Section 4: Burial Permit: Funeral Directors must furnish the Cemetery a proper burial permit and other necessary vital statistics required for a complete interment record before any burial will be permitted.
- Section 5: Authorization of One Plot Owner Sufficient: The Cemetery reserves the right when there are two or more owners of a plot, to make an interment of an immediate family member with written authorization from one owner. One or both co-owners can permit an interment upon the written request or direction of any registered co-owner of such plot.
- Section 6: Order given by telephone: The Cemetery will not be responsible for any order given by telephone, or for any mistakes occurring due to vague instructions as to the particular space, size, and location in a lot where interment is desired. Written instructions are preferred to protect the property owner.
- Section 7: Location of Interment Space: When instructions regarding location of an interment space in a lot cannot be obtained, or are indefinite, or for any reason the interment space cannot be opened where specified, the Cemetery Director may, at his discretion, open it in such a location in the lot as he deems best and proper, so as not to delay the funeral. The Cemetery shall not be liable.
- Section 8: Error may be corrected: The Cemetery reserves, and shall have the right to correct any error that may be made while preparing or presenting an interment, or removals, or in the description, transfer, or conveyance of any interment property, either by canceling such conveyance and substituting and covering in lieu thereof other interment property of equal value and similar location. The property may be selected by the Cemetery or at the discretion of the Cemetery Director, the owner may be refunded the amount of money paid on account of said purchase. In the event such error shall involve the interment of the remains of any person in such property, the Cemetery reserves the right to remove and transfer such remains to a property of equal or similar value as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof.
- Section 9: Delay in Interment caused by protest: The Cemetery shall not be liable for any delay in the interment of a body where a protest to the interment has been made or where the rules and regulations have not been complied with. The Cemetery shall be under no duty to recognize any protest of interment unless it is in writing and filed with the Cemetery Director.
- Section 10: Interment of more than one body: Not more than one body, or the remains of more than one body, shall be interred in one grave, vault, niche, unless such grave has been purchased with written agreement that more than one body or remains of more than one body may be interred, provided proper identification is made of such interment or interments. Only two cremated/remains may be interred in one grave.
- Section 11: Interment of remains/cremations: All outside containers shall be pre-approved by the Cemetery Director.

## **ARTICLE VI: Interment and Removals**

- Section 1: Removal for Profit Prohibited: Removal, by the heirs or successors in interest, of a body or cremated remains so the lot may be sold for profit, or removal contrary to the expressed or implied wish of the original lot owner, is absolutely prohibited.
- Section 2: May obtain a larger lot: A body or cremated remains may be removed from its original lot and moved to a lot of greater size only with the written consent of the Cemetery Director. The lot owner must own both lots in question and pay all required removal fees.
- Section 3: Care in Removal: A party requesting a removal assumes all risks involved. The Cemetery shall exercise care in making the removal, but it shall assume no liability for damage to any casket, burial case, urn or bodily remains that might occur in making the removal.

## **ARTICLE VII: Single Graves**

- Section 1: Single Graves: Single graves may be secured in sections designed for that purpose, and will receive the same general care as any other part of the Cemetery.
- Section 2: No Choice: In Section Rose Hill, Block 20 and Block 27; Los Angeles, Block 4, "Baby Land" and for all indigent burials, there can be no choice of location as grave space will be used in regular order, or as directed by the Cemetery Director.
- Section 3: Payment: All grave spaces must be paid for in advance of their use with no exceptions. All sales are final (no refunds will be given).
- Section 4: Removal from single graves: When a body is removed from a single grave that is provided by Ector County (indigent) to a different lot or from the Cemetery completely, the vacated space reverts to the Cemetery. All charges for such removal must be paid in advance at a rate set by Ector County.

## **ARTICLE VIII: Changes in Address of Lot Owner**

- Section 1: Lot owner must notify Cemetery: It shall be the duty of the lot owner to notify the Cemetery of any change of mailing address. Notices sent to a lot owner at the last address on file in the office of the Cemetery shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notification for all purposes, whether or not such purposes are specified in these rules.

## **ARTICLE IX: Roadways and Replotting**

- Section 1: Right to Plot, Grade and Use Property: The right to enlarge, reduce, plot or change the boundaries of grading of the Cemetery or a block or blocks, including the right to modify or change the location of or removal or grade, roads, drives, or walks, or change any part thereof, is hereby expressly reserved. The right to lay, maintain, operate, or alter, change pipelines and gutters for sprinkler systems, drainage, etc., is also expressly reserved, as well as the right to use the Cemetery property not sold to individual lot owners for Cemetery purposes. The Cemetery reserves to itself, and those lawfully entitled a perpetual right of ingress and egress over lots for the purpose of passage to and from other lots.
- Section 2: No rights granted in alleyway: No easement or right of interment is granted to any lot owner in any road, drive, alley or walk within the Cemetery, but such road, drive, alley or walk may be used as a means of access to the Cemetery or buildings as long as the Cemetery devotes it to that purpose.

## **ARTICLE X: Conduct of Persons on Cemetery Grounds**

- Section 1: Must use walks: Persons on the Cemetery grounds shall use only the avenues, walks, alleys and roads. Any person injured while walking on any portion of the Cemetery other than the avenues, walks, alleys or roads, assumes all liability for any injuries or accidents that may occur. No one shall enter or leave the Cemetery grounds except through an open gate.
- Section 2: Trespassers on Cemetery Lots: Only the lot owner and his invitee shall be permitted on the lot. Any other person thereon shall be considered a trespasser. The Cemetery shall owe no duty to trespassers to keep the property or memorial thereon in a reasonably safe condition.
- Section 3: Children: An adult shall accompany Children under fifteen (15) years of age at all times.
- Section 4: Flowers: All persons are prohibited from gathering flowers (wild, cultivated, or artificial) or breaking trees, shrubbery, or plants.
- Section 5: Alcohol or illegal drugs: No person shall be permitted to have alcohol or illegal drugs in the Cemetery.
- Section 6: Loitering on the Grounds: No person shall be permitted to neither loiter nor lounge on Cemetery grounds, graves, or monuments nor in any of the buildings. A person on the property for reasons other than to visit a gravesite or for cemetery business will be asked to leave. Failure to leave will result in the person being considered a trespasser in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.
- Section 7: Rubbish: The throwing of rubbish on the drives and paths, or on any part of the grounds, or in the buildings is prohibited.

- Section 8: Grass Clippings, etc.: Grass clippings or shrubbery removal from a privately kept lot by the owner or persons engaged by the owner to do such work shall be placed in a neat pile along the curb where it may be picked by the Cemetery personnel.
- Section 9: Automobiles: Automobiles shall not be driven through the grounds at a speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour, and must always be kept on the right hand side of the roadway. Vehicles are not allowed to park or come to a full stop in front of an open grave. Vehicles must not turn around in the avenue. Automobiles belonging to lot owners and visitors are strictly forbidden to drive on grass areas. Driving on grass areas may cause damage to grave spaces, markers, monuments and irrigations system.
- Section 10: Trucks: Heavy trucks or vehicles shall not enter the Cemetery without first procuring the permission from the Cemetery Director.
- Section 11: Firearms or other weapons: Firearms or other weapons shall not be permitted in the Cemetery except when legally carried or with written permission from the Cemetery Director.
- Section 12: Peddling or Soliciting: Peddling of plants, flowers, or soliciting of any commodity is prohibited within the cemetery grounds.
- Section 13: Notices and Advertisements: No signs, notices, or advertisements of any kind shall be allowed in the Cemetery, unless placed there by Ector County personnel.
- Section 14: Improprieties: It is the utmost importance that there shall be strict observance of all the proprieties of the Cemetery, whether specified in these rules or not. No improprieties shall be allowed and the Cemetery Director shall have the power to prevent improper assemblage and boisterous and unseemly conduct. Any person who acts in a manner considered to be disruptive will be asked to leave the Cemetery grounds. Failure to leave will result in the person being considered a trespasser in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.
- Section 15: Cemetery Director to Enforce Rules: The Cemetery Director is hereby empowered to enforce all rules and regulations, and to exclude from the property of the Cemetery any person violating same. The Cemetery Director shall have charge of the grounds and buildings, and at all times the Cemetery Director shall have supervision and control of all persons in the Cemetery, including funerals, traffic, employees, lot owners, and visitors.

#### **ARTICLE XI: Responsibilities of Cemetery**

- Section 1: Rights of Cemetery: The Cemetery shall take reasonable precautions to protect lot owners from loss or damage and to protect their property rights within the Cemetery, but it distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its control, including damage caused by the elements, acts of God, thieves, vandals, explosion, unavoidable accidents, insurrections, riots or order of any military or civil authority, regardless of the type of damage.

## ARTICLE XII: Memorial Work

Section 1: Design of Marker or Monument Required: A design of the proposed monument or marker to be erected must be submitted to the Cemetery Office, ***with a signed Monument Release Form by the property owner***, for approval by the Cemetery Director prior to the construction of said marker or monument. This is necessary to assure said design adheres to the rules and regulations of Ector County Cemetery. It is recommended not to purchase any monument or marker until written permission for the proposed design is given by the Cemetery Director. Failure to obtain approval in writing will result in the installation of the pre-purchased marker or monument to be prohibited if it does not meet cemetery design criteria. The design must include material designation of approved solid granite, marble or bronze and size of marker or monument die and base. Monument base must be constructed on one solid piece (no fusion allowed). Upon approval, a written permit will be issued by the Cemetery Director and the design will be kept on file with other business records. ***Foreign-made markers and monuments will not be allowed.*** (See "Exhibit A")

Section 2: Markers and Monuments:

- a. General. The owner of a lot has the right to erect thereon any proper monument sepulcher structures which comply with the rules of the Cemetery except in sections where no monuments are permitted.

The cemetery reserves the right to prohibit the display of and to require the removal of a vault, monument, marker or other monumental work that may be considered by the Cemetery Director as inappropriate or in violation of Cemetery Rules and Regulations either in material, design, workmanship, size, location or which interferes with the general view or effect.

If any marker, monument, vault, effigy, structure, or any inscription placed in or upon any lot, which shall be determined by the Cemetery Director to be offensive, improper or injurious to the appearance of the surrounding lots or grounds or in violation of Cemetery Rules and Regulations, the Cemetery shall have the right to enter upon said lot and remove said offensive or improper object or inscription, and the Cemetery shall not be liable for any damage or loss resulting from such removal.

All markers or monuments shall be placed at the head of burial space(s). All markers or monuments shall be constructed of approved solid granite and marble or bronze. No exceptions or substitute marker monuments material will be considered. All markers or monuments must be placed on a concrete foundation.

- b. Single graves spaces. Owners of single grave space will be allowed to place a flat or upright marker. The minimum size shall be one foot (1') by (2') two feet. The maximum size shall be one foot six inches (1'6") by (3') three feet.

- c. Multiple grave spaces. Owners of two (2) or three (3) adjacent grave spaces will be allowed to have a double or triple upright monument. Owners of four (4) or more grave spaces will only be allowed to place a double or triple upright monument(s). The minimum size for a double upright monument shall be one (1') foot by four (4') feet. The maximum size for a double upright monument shall be one foot-six inches (1'6") by seven (7') feet. The minimum size for a triple upright monument shall be one (1') foot by seven (7') feet. The maximum, size for a triple upright monument shall be one foot-six inches (1'6") by eleven (11') feet. Multiple grave space owners shall also be allowed to place single, double or triple, flush to the ground flat markers. The maximum height for all upright monuments shall be four (4') feet.
- d. Marker and Monument Foundation Fees. All markers and monuments shall have a concrete foundation. All concrete foundations shall be constructed by Ector County personnel. After the Cemetery has issued written design approval for a proposed marker or monuments, the lot owner must pay a concrete foundation fee at the Cemetery Office. The concrete foundation fee amount shall be determined by Ector County.

Foundations will be prepared with finished concrete and leveled so that the foundation will be flush with the ground in areas approximately three inches larger on all sides of the bottom base of the structure to be erected, and in depth at least three and one half inches but the Cemetery reserves the right to require a large or deeper foundation when in the judgment of the Cemetery Director the structure requires it.

- e. Single Upright Monument Exceptions. Section Rose Hill, Block 25, contains larger size grave space, which is five and one-half (5 ½') feet in width by thirteen (13') feet in length. In this section installation of single, double or triple upright monuments shall be allowed. All grave spaces at Ector County Cemetery, Section "Odessa", shall also be allowed to install single, double or triple upright monuments. However, this does not include blocks which strictly forbid upright monuments. Since size of grave space varies, all width, length and height restrictions shall be determined on case by case basis by the Cemetery Director. The Cemetery Director is charged with making this decision to protect the best interest of the property owner and the aesthetic effect of the cemetery.
- f. Blocks restricted to flat markers. Ector County Cemetery, Section Odessa, Block 226 and Section Rose Hill, Block 1, Block 11 and Block 21 will be restricted to flat grave markers. NO UPRIGHT MONUMENTS will be permitted. Only markers flush with the ground will be allowed. If any monument is placed above ground level, it will be removed and the Cemetery shall not be liable for any damages or loss to any person for such removal.
- g. Installation Monuments. Installation of all headstones, monuments and markers will be performed by a monument company/monument contractor only (no private individuals). All concrete foundations shall be installed by Ector County personnel only, pending payment of the concrete foundation fee.

Section 3: Grave Markers: Only one grave marker may be placed at each grave. It must be approved standard granite, bronze or marble. Raised letters will not be permitted on any granite or marble markers unless they are military markers.

Section 4: Contractors and Workmen: The Cemetery will not allow work of any type to be performed or placed upon a lot unless a written order from the lot owner or his legal representative is presented to the Cemetery Office prior to commencement of work. The contractor or workman must then have the written consent of the Cemetery Director to perform the approved work. The lot owner or his representative shall notify the Cemetery Director in writing immediately upon completion of the work or installation of any marker or monument. Any marker or monument which is improperly set or does not comply with the Rules and Regulations will be removed and the Cemetery shall not be liable to any person for such removal.

Contractors or their employees will not be permitted to work in the Cemetery on Saturday, Sunday, or County Holidays, or before eight o'clock (8:00 a.m.) or after five o'clock (5:00 p.m.) on weekdays. Any Contractor performing work at Ector County Cemetery shall have a Master Service Agreement on file with the County Purchasing Agent before any work is started. All orders taken for work and all work done shall be subject to and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Cemetery. The Cemetery reserves the right to suspend any and all work without notice when in, the opinion of the Cemetery Director, there is failure to conform to the rules and regulations prescribed, or any reason such as failure to make proper preparation to do the work contemplated or failure to comply with any reasonable request of the Cemetery Director in the conduct of the work. Conduct of the work in such a manner as to endanger life or property, or failure to execute work according to specifications will be prohibited with no liability to Ector County.

Before starting to set any monument or memorial work, contractors must first submit a request to and receive written approval from the Cemetery Director. All work or construction must be performed as rapidly as possible and material not used must be removed as soon as the work is completed. Workmen must not scatter material over adjoining lots or leave same on the grounds any longer than absolutely necessary.

Ropes or lines may not be attached to trees, shrubs, or other objects in the Cemetery without the permission of the Cemetery Director. No pipes or anchors shall be sunk in the ground without like permission, and then only in spots specifically designated. To protect the lawns from injury, planks must be laid when heavy material is to be moved across lawns. Driving of trucks or automobiles across lots, lawns, or graves is strictly forbidden.

### **ARTICLE XIII: Employees**

- Section 1: Subject to Cemetery Director's approval: Employees shall not execute or carry out any orders except those of the Cemetery Director. No employee shall lend out tools or implements of the Cemetery nor solicit tips or gratuities. It shall be the duty of employees to refer persons desiring their services to the Cemetery Director.
- Section 2: Private Work: Neither the Cemetery Director nor any employees shall do work of a private nature during Ector County work hours.
- Section 3: Care of Lots: Neither the Cemetery Director nor any employee therein shall accept compensation from anyone for private or separate maintenance or care of any particular lot or plot within the Ector County Cemetery.

### **ARTICLE XIV: Special Regulations**

- Section 1: Decorations: No decorations of any type, such as chairs, settees, flower receptacles etc., will be permitted in designated memorial sections. Maintenance of the lawn is continuous, placement of flowers and all other decorations on ground level will be removed monthly. Glass and ceramic containers are not permitted.
- Section 2: Flowers: Flowers must be placed at the head of the grave but not in back of the marker or monument. No flowers shall be placed on or around the grave site (all glass or ceramic items will be removed immediately).
- Section 3: Wooden Crosses: No wooden, plastic or metal crosses will be allowed to be placed on Cemetery grounds. They will be removed without notice and the Cemetery shall not be liable to any person for such removal.
- Section 4: Grave Appearance: All graves will be back filled, when sunken flush with the ground and reseeded as soon as possible. The grass will not be pulled out or removed by the lot owner or any other person.
- Section 5: Section Odessa: Purchasers of any future grave(s) at Ector County Cemetery, Section Odessa will be required to sign a release form before sale can occur.
- Section 6: Indigent Burials: All indigent grave spaces shall be selected by the Cemetery Director. Indigent funeral day and time shall also be selected by Cemetery Director. Ector County will provide a cremation interment for deceased and will provide a plot for the burial of the cremations. Ector County will provide interment services only, (no viewing or church services provided). No Indigent funerals shall occur on Saturday, Sunday or County designated holidays. No markers or monuments may be installed at indigent grave spaces unless the following criteria are met: (1)

the grave space is purchased; (2) the opening and closing fee is paid; and (3) Ector County is reimbursed for funeral home costs. Once all of the three charges are paid in full to Ector County, the purchaser will be allowed to install a marker, so long as the purchaser follows Ector County Cemetery rules and regulations regarding installation of markers.

Requirements for indigent burials: (1) Must complete an application; (2) must be on public assistance or have no identifiable source of income; and (3) must not possess any assets of value.

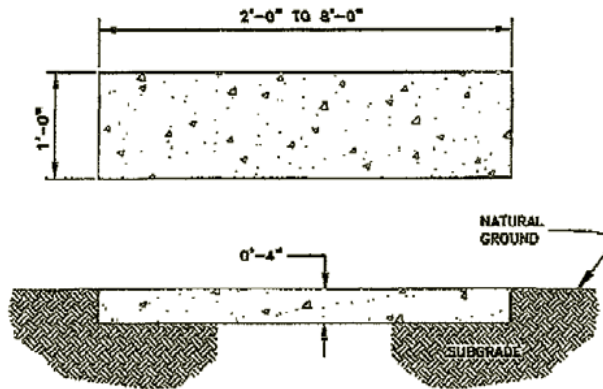
### **ARTICLE XV: Enforcement**

Section 1: Penalties: The Cemetery Director may enforce the rules and regulations in any manner prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas or by Order of the Commissioners' Court of Ector County. Any person who commits one or more violations of the Rules and Regulations may be banned from the Ector County Cemetery and issued a trespass notice.

All persons committing criminal acts on Ector County property will be prosecuted.

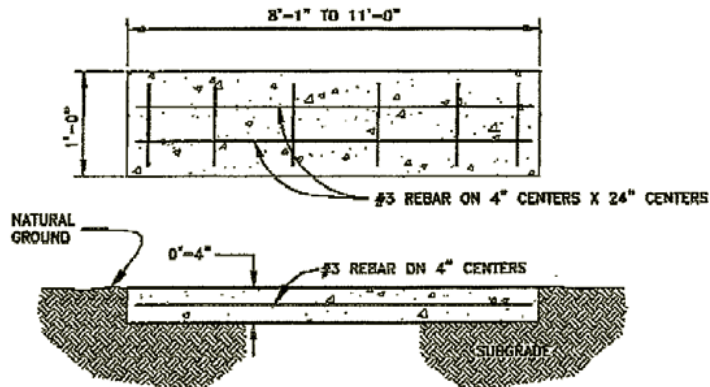
Section 2: Variance: A variance is a request to permit some departure or variation from the literal requirements of the rules and regulations. A request for a variance must be submitted to the Ector County Judge for consideration by the Commissioners' Court of Ector County during a posted meeting of said Court. Any decision concerning a variance request must be made by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners' Court of Ector County during a posted session. Any decision made is final.

# CONCRETE FOUNDATION DETAILS



**Figure 1. - Typical section for Concrete Foundation.**

MINIMUM 3,000 PSI CONCRETE.  
COMPACT SUBGRADE PRIOR TO CONCRETE POUR.



**Figure 2. - Typical section for Reinforced Concrete Foundation.**

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