

SCHLEICHER COUNTY CEMETERY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Cemetery Office:
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The Schleicher County Cemetery is **NOT** a perpetual care cemetery. All Deed Owners, visitors, and contractors, performing work within the Cemetery, are subject to the regulations adopted by Schleicher County Commissioners Court for the benefit and protection of The Schleicher County Cemetery and its Deed Owners.

While it is the Owners responsibly to provide the upkeep of purchased lots, Schleicher County will provide mowing and weed eating services when the schedule permits.

These Rules and Regulations are adopted and enforced pursuant to the Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 711 and 713.

These regulations apply to all persons who enter The Schleicher County Cemetery. The Schleicher County Commissioners Court reserves the right to adopt, repeal and amend any regulation without notice.

Schleicher County Cemetery lots do come with curbing included in the price. The Schleicher County Commissioners approved the curbing of lots to ensure the correct graves are being used for the burial of the deceased.

Cemetery Pricing:

1 grave - \$550

4 graves - \$2000 – \$500 each

8 graves - \$3,800 - \$475 each

DEFINITIONS

1. The term "Cemetery" as used in these Rules and Regulations is hereby defined to mean Schleicher County Cemetery.
2. The term "Owner" is the current deed holder and manager to the interment rights of the lots purchased in the Schleicher County Cemetery.
3. The term "Interment" is the placing of remains in a grave.
4. The term "Memorial" shall mean any marker, monument, headstone, tablet, or other structure upon or in any lot or niche, placed thereupon or partially therein for identification or in memory of the interred.
5. The term "Planting" means any tree, shrub, flower, or other vegetation.

OWNER AND INTERMENT RIGHTS

The purchase of Cemetery lots are for the sole purpose of burying deceased persons. The purchase of Cemetery lots are required to be paid in full at the time of purchase, no partial payments are allowed.

Owners have the right to sell/gift any deeded property they have purchased. Please contact the Cemetery Office for instructions on the sale/gift of deeded lots. All sale/gift deeds are required to be recorded with the Schleicher County Clerk at the time of purchase/gift to ensure that the Cemetery, has a complete and accurate record of all owners.

The subdivision of interment rights is not allowed without the consent of the Cemetery, and no one shall be buried in any of the lots unless he/she has a legal interest. The Cemetery requires written consent from the Owner stating who is allowed to be buried, the last page of deed provided to Owner has space to input desired persons.

The right to enlarge, reduce, replat, or change the boundaries or grading of the Cemetery are prohibited and only reserved for the Cemetery. The right to lay, maintain, operate, or change pipelines or gutters is not allowed and reserved for the Cemetery. The Cemetery reserves for itself, Owners, and their invitees a

perpetual right of ingress and egress over lots for the purpose of passage to and from other lots.

Special cases may arise in which the enforcement of regulations may impose unnecessary hardship. The County reserves the right, without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications in any of the regulations when advisable at the discretion of the Cemetery Supervisor and with the approval of the Commissioners Court.

The Schleicher County Cemetery is **NOT** responsible for vandalism or theft of any memorial or other personal property.

The Schleicher County Cemetery is **NOT** responsible for any loss or damage caused by the elements or unavoidable accidents.

All interments, disinterment's, and reinterments shall be made by a funeral director or other person as provided for by State and local laws. The Funeral director will be responsible for the opening and closing of the grave.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERMENTS

1. Authorization from the Owner, his/her designated representative, or other proper legal authority will be required for interment.
2. The Funeral Home of your choice with contact the Cemetery Supervisor to coordinate the time when interments or disinterment's will be conducted.
3. There shall be no grave side services on designated County Holidays which are as follows:
 - New Year's Day
 - Good Friday
 - Memorial Day
 - Independence Day
 - Labor Day
 - Veteran's Day
 - Thanksgiving
 - Christmas

4. In making a request for interment, the casket or vault, if of unusual size, must be particularly indicated. Interments requiring openings wider than 38" will require 2 lots.
5. The Cemetery Supervisor shall not be liable for any delay in the interment of a body when protest to the interment has been made, or when compliance with the rules and regulations has not been made.

MEMORIALS

1. Only memorials made and installed by a professional monument company may be placed in the Cemetery.
2. All memorials shall be installed and maintained at the expense of the Owner.
3. Memorials may be installed during normal business hours, when cemetery personnel are normally on duty.
4. All Memorial Dealers must abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Schleicher County Cemetery.

CURBING

The Schleicher County Cemetery will be curbing all new lots.

For current Owners, please contact The Cemetery Office if you are wanting cemetery lots curbed. We will get you in contact with the approved curbing installer.

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1. Bringing or discharging any firearm within the Cemetery grounds is prohibited, except for military funerals, or events for Memorial Day or Veterans Day, which have been approved in advance by the Cemetery Supervisor.
2. Allowing any child less than 16 years of age, to play or stay within the Cemetery, unless accompanied by and under the supervision of an adult is not permitted.
3. Burying an animal within the Cemetery is prohibited.
4. Automobiles, trucks and other vehicles shall not be driven through the Cemetery grounds at a speed greater than ten (10) miles per hour.
5. The only vehicles and/or persons allowed into the Cemetery are to visit gravesites or conduct Cemetery related business.
6. Do not obstruct any drive or walk ways in the Cemetery.
7. Loitering is not allowed within the Cemetery. Any person found within the Cemetery who fails to give a good and sufficient reason for his/her presence shall be asked to leave the Cemetery.
8. The use of illicit drugs and consumption of intoxicating beverages within the Cemetery is strictly forbidden.
9. No person will be permitted to use profane or boisterous language or in any way disturb the quiet and good order of the Cemetery.
10. Constructing an enclosure of any kind, such as a fence, coping, hedge, or ditch around any grave or lot is not allowed.
11. The construction of additional mounds over graves shall not be permitted.
12. Placing any objectionable items in the Cemetery that are prohibited by or in violation of Cemetery Rules and Regulations will be removed. The Schleicher County Commissioners Court has the sole discretion on deciding what is objectionable and what has become objectionable.
13. Holding any public or private event at the Cemetery must be pursued through the Cemetery office and approved by the Commissioners Court. Only activities that are respectful of the deceased will be approved.
14. Schleicher County Cemetery has the right to remove any and all items that interfere with mowing, weed eating, and repair of water lines and faucets.

15. No signs other than those installed by County personnel will be permitted on the Cemetery grounds.
16. Schleicher County is not responsible for vandalism or theft of any memorial or other personal property.

PLANTING AND OTHER ITEMS

1. If any planting, trees or shrubs, on any lot, road way or elsewhere in the Cemetery dies, is damaged or is detrimental to the safety of visitors or employees to the Cemetery, the Cemetery supervisor has the authority to remove any or all parts of the damaged plant.
2. Littering or allowing any rubbish, unsightly material of debris to accumulate is not allowed and must be promptly removed by Owner. The Cemetery does have the right to remove what it sees fit, to accommodate to the cleanliness of the Cemetery.
3. No boxes, shells, glassware, sprinkler cans, water hoses, or similar articles will be permitted to remain on any grave, walkway or road and we the Cemetery are not liable if they are damaged or stolen.
4. Nothing shall be placed on the grave area itself that will hinder mowing and upkeep activities.
5. Removing any objects, flowers or arrangements from the Cemetery or moving them to another gravesite without permission of the Owner is not allowed.
6. Personnel employed by the Cemetery are not permitted to solicit, accept money or other compensation from any person for maintenance performed within the Cemetery. All inquiries or complaints shall be made to the Cemetery office.

TREES, SHRUBS AND OTHER PLANTS

1. In the interest of maintenance, planting ivy, flowers, shrubs, or bushes is prohibited.
2. Some of the full-grown planting we accept would be long lived hardwood trees such as live oak, pinon pine, zelkova, purple leaf plum, Russian olive, and cedar elm may be planted with the approval of the Cemetery.

The Schleicher County Cemetery created these rules to prevent damage to the markers, water lines, and right aways and other lots.

Schleicher County Cemetery is not responsible if the planting does not survive.

BENCHES

You must coordinate through the Cemetery Office before bench placement is made to ensure that it will not interfere with any maintenance. Benches can only be placed in the lots the Owner has purchased.

Benches must be constructed of a material that will withstand the elements and not become unsightly over time. Examples of approved materials are: Concrete, Marble, Granite or types of metal. Any bench that is broken and becomes unsightly will be removed by the Cemetery.

You are not allowed to cement any benches to the ground. Benches that have been cemented to the ground, before this agreement was approved, will be allowed to remain.

Benches currently in the Cemetery will be evaluated and moved if it is determined by the Cemetery Supervisor that they interfere with maintenance.

ANNUAL FLOWER PICKUP

In January of each year, the Cemetery will conduct a cleanup involving the picking up of ALL flowers, wreathes and any unsightly materials. Please pick up flowers you want to keep before mid- January. Flowers can be placed or put back on graves one week after cleanup.

At any given time, unsightly flowers or decorations of any kind on or near graves will be picked up at the discretion of the Cemetery to insure the good and orderly appearance of the Cemetery as directed by the Commissioners Court.

CEMETERY ETIQUETTE

We ask all visitors to remember that the grounds of Schleicher County Cemetery are sacredly devoted to the burial of the deceased and the provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by statute, will be strictly enforced in all cases of wanton injury, disturbance, and disregard of the rules.

Please follow the etiquette and policies in this agreement.

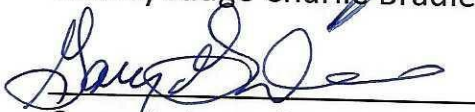
1. You are expected to maintain the proper respect and decorum at the Cemetery at all times.
2. Respect for the deceased and their surviving loved ones will be first and foremost, along with maintaining the peace and serenity of the grounds.
3. Do not intrude on a funeral or memorial service.
4. Maintain a respectful manner, keeping voices down and using no profanity.
5. Turn off your vehicles radio or entertainment system while driving or parking in the Cemetery.
6. Put all cell phones on "vibrate" or turn off during ceremony.
7. Drive only on the roadways.
8. Keep your pets under control on a leash and away from cemetery memorials and artifacts. Clean up after your pet.
9. Try not to walk or stand on gravesites.

Schleicher County Cemetery:

This policy was adopted by the Schleicher County Commissioners Court on the 22nd day of January, 2024.



County Judge Charlie Bradley/Cemetery Supervisor




Commissioner Pct. 1 Gary Gibson



Commissioners Pct. 2 Steve Nelson



Commissioner Pct. 3 Kirk Griffin



Commissioner Pct. 4 Chris Meador



Approved
1-22-2024

Attest:



County and District Clerk Mary Ann Gonzalez