
City of Adel
Manual of Policy and Procedure

Section: 4. Parks and Recreation

Title: Oakdale Cemetery Regulations

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set guidelines and regulations for the City of Adel’s Oakdale Cemetery.

2. POLICY

A. The Cemetery hours are as follows:

- 1) 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., April through October.
- 2) 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., November through March.

B. City Hall must be informed of all burials. Preparation and closure of any burial sites must be performed by City staff unless permission is received in writing.

C. Graves may be decorated between November 15 and March 1, and from the Friday before the observance of Memorial Day until June 4 of each year. Urns that are a part of the headstones may be decorated at any time.

D. Approved decorations include live and artificial flowers and wreaths, flags, and holiday decorations, and must be in-line with the headstones. The City is not responsible for lost or stolen decorations. Items not in compliance may be removed by City staff. In consultation with City staff, the American Legion may be approved to make improvements to the concrete around certain gravestones to use for the Legion’s markers.

E. Annuals and perennials may be planted adjacent to, and in-line with, the stone if tended by the lot owner. No other sod displacement will be allowed.

F. Permanent plantings (trees, bushes, etc.) must be approved by the Park Board.

G. No glass or metal containers, planters, or ornaments are allowed for any purpose.

H. All headstones must be placed in line with existing headstones. In the absence of adjacent stones, headstones must be placed at the head of grave at the end of the cemetery space.

I. All foot stones and commemorative plaques must be mounted flush with the ground.

J. No dogs allowed.

K. No fishing from the cemetery.