

ORDINANCE NO. 15-735

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CEMETERY RULES AND
REGULATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the City of Gentry that it is desirable to establish Cemetery Rules and Regulations applicable to the Gentry and Flint Creek Cemeteries.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS:

1. Cemetery spaces may be purchased from the City for \$300.00 per space. Payment in full is required at the time of purchase. Purchase must be completed prior to burial or monument placement.

2. Placement of monuments and/or markers shall not be made without proper notification to the City for accurate site identification. Any and all markers shall be placed within the space shown on the cemetery plat as directed by the City. Any monument, marker or decoration extending above ground level, shall be placed at the “headstone”, in-line with adjacent markers. Any marker placed outside of the “headstone” area shall be set to grade.

3. Caskets shall be placed within a vault.

4. Up to two internments are allowed within the same space as long as one of the following applies; casket within a vault plus a cremation *or* two cremations. In the instance of a burial and cremation:

a. Cremation internment must follow casket internment; and

b. Cremated remains shall be placed at a minimum depth of 24 inches.

5. No trees or other plantings may be planted nor fences or other obstacles be erected.

6. Opening and closing of graves shall be performed by the City and/or its designee.

7. All decorations may be subject to removal by the City or its designee, at minimum, two times per year, May 1st and November 1st, to maintain a high standard of care and safety. All decorations and/or flowers placed on the grave for Memorial Day, not attached to the “headstone”, will be removed one week after Memorial Day for maintenance.

8. The City reserves the right to remediate any issues it deems necessary for the purposes of maintaining the proper care and safety of the cemetery grounds and visitors; and to change, amend, alter, repeal, rescind or add to these rules and regulations as it deems appropriate.

PASSED and APPROVED this 7th day of December, 2015.

Kevin Johnston, Mayor

Attest:

Director of Finance