

Paso Robles District Cemetery

Rules & Regulations



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1. Public admission to the cemetery will be from sun-up to sun-down. [Vehicle entry gates will be open 8:00am to 4:30pm.](#) Anyone on said grounds except cemetery personnel, after or before daylight hours will be considered in trespass violation, unless they enter with an express permit of the board of trustees or management.

2. Interment rights in the cemetery are conveyed for burial purposes only, the conveyance and succession for all interment rights shall be subject to the California Health and Safety Code and the California Probate Code Section 6400 to 6413, along with the Paso Robles District Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

3. No burials will be permitted in the cemetery without a permit from the proper authorities.

A. Interment orders, flag pole ossuary forms and Rose Garden interment forms must be signed by the person authorized to order the burial.

B. A minimum of three workdays (72 hours) must be given to the cemetery before the opening of any interment site.

C. The district operates on a cash in advance basis on all costs and fees required for an interment or other services rendered by the cemetery.

D. Cement grave liners or cement vaults must be purchased from the district and installed by district employees and must be used with all casketed remains. Wood, metal, plastic, or fiberglass urns must be used for cremated remains. All cremated remains will be buried in a sealed vault and must be purchased from the district and installed by district employees.

E. Casketed human remains will not be received for interment unless enclosed within a suitable casket of wood, steel, or other material acceptable to the management; to the end that it will withstand normal handling and the health of employees or others will not be jeopardized. Specifically, the Paso Robles District Cemetery will not accept caskets for burial which are unsafe to handle properly. The caskets must be latched or securely closed, caskets must meet exterior size requirements and must have handles that are secured and made of wood, metal or aluminum. Any caskets with no handles or handles not made of wood, metal or aluminum will not be accepted by the management. We reserve the right to refuse any casket that is not considered safe by the cemetery management. Size requirements are as follows:

[Adult sized casket maximum \(including handles\) is:](#)

[28.25" wide x 85" long x 23.5" high for Liner.](#)

[28.5" wide x 85" long x 24.5" Lawn Crypt.](#)

[29" wide x 85" long x 26" tall Titan Vault.](#)

[Infant sized casket maximum 15" wide x 36" long x 13" high.](#)

Oversized caskets will require an oversize lawn crypt and will require additional interment right space resulting in added costs. Arrangement for oversize caskets may delay interment date.

4. The trustees will fix and maintain a sales schedule of interment right prices, opening and closing fees, disinterment, and all other fees and charges applicable to the operation of the cemetery.

A. Opening and closing of graves within the perimeters of an existing coping or curb and/or covered by a concrete slab or cap will be done at additional cost above the normal opening and closing fee set by the trustees and the additional fees will recover all additional costs incurred.

B. The district will not be responsible for damage to, or repair of any coping or curb that may be incurred while making an opening and closing within said coping or curb. All repair, replacement or removal of a damaged coping or curb will be at the customer's expense, work to be done by district employees, or by an approved licensed and insured contractor, supervised by the cemetery management.

5. [Week day services will be allowed between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00 pm. Saturday services will be allowed between the hours of 9:00am and 11:00am.](#) All Saturday burials will be charged an extra fee. No graves will be opened, no burials will be made, and no private memorial services will be held on Saturday afternoons, Sundays, or legal holidays.

6. No transfer of any interment rights in said cemetery will be legal unless approved by cemetery management. No private party sales or transfers will be honored.

7. Preneed interment right sales to individuals or families are limited to a maximum of ten (10) with a specified name on each site.

8. Full payment is required at the time of purchase, a 10% administrative fee will be charged for interment rights repurchased by the cemetery district, and interment rights will be repurchased at original sale amount. Endowment fees paid on interments rights are not refundable. The district preneed sales program consists of the following two options:

A) Interment rights and Endowment Only.

B) Complete preneed (started July 25, 2001) Interment Rights, Endowment, Open & Close, Liner or Vault, Handling Fee, Vase, Marker Setting, and Sales Tax.

9. All markers used in the cemetery hereafter, must be of permanent materials such as bronze, granite, or marble; no synthetic material or beveled edges allowed. Markers must set flush with the grade level of said area, and must be accepted by the management as being in conformity with the rules and regulations of the cemetery before being installed. All granite or marble markers must be a minimum of 3 inches and maximum of 3.5 inches thick and must have smooth cut sides. Bronze markers must set flush to the ground and must fit in a precast tub (including vase) configuration & in no case contain an attached bronze vase.

[Regular Single Graves — Marker size = 12" x 24"](#)

[Side by Side Single Graves— Marker size = 12" x 36"](#)

[Double Depth Graves— Marker size = 12" x 24"](#)

General Marker Setting Procedures:

Single markers 12 x 24 set in precast tub, with one vase.

Double markers 12 x 36 set in precast tub, with two vases.

Only two markers permitted on regular graves.

Re-setting of old markers will be done at the request of authorized family member, provided a release form has been signed and reset fee has been paid. There will be a disposal fee for the old marker.

[We strongly discourage the placement of porcelain pictures. A signed liability release is required for all porcelain pictures.](#) The cemetery will not be responsible if they are damaged in any way.

10. Flowers may be placed on graves in provided vases installed level with the turf. Only one vase is permitted per grave. Cemetery personnel have the authority to remove all decorations and/ or flowers, natural or artificial, as soon as in the judgment of the employees, they become unsightly or dangerous. [ALL FLOWERS WILL BE REMOVED ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.](#) The district will not be liable for floral pieces, baskets, frames or vases. [At no time will glass vases, bottles, jars, statues, pottery, wood stakes, steel stakes, garden art, windmill spinners, lights, flower ropes, balloons, or large flags be allowed.](#) No person other than cemetery personnel, may plant trees, shrubs, flowers, plants or place benches within the cemetery. Memorial bench dedication program is administered by PRDC management, no other bench placement is allowed.

11. Liability—The district, it's board of trustees, and all individual members of said board, the general manager, and all other personnel employed by the district will not be responsible for injury, or damage, suffered by any persons, including children, in the use of the cemetery grounds or its facilities. Any person using the roadways, streets, paths or facilities in the cemetery will do so at their own risk.

12. In a standard site, only one casket will be allowed, along with one interment of cremains (**the urn must not exceed 8.5" tall, 6.5" wide and 4.5" thick**) or two cremation interments with no casket burial, **urns must not exceed 8" x 12" x 7.5"**. In a double depth grave, only two caskets will be allowed.

13. On an existing casket burial site, one interment of cremains will be allowed with proper approval of family members. Regarding a second burial on a regular site: Original purchaser may assign a second use to any family member if the original purchaser is still living. After the death and interment of the original purchaser only permitted additional burial will be restricted to: Spouse or Domestic Partner, child or parent to be interred with proper family approval. Exception: [If interment rights were assigned on file for more than 1 interment of cremains prior to 7/1/07, management may allow with proper approval of family members.](#)

14. Casket will not be lowered, cremains will not be interred until service has concluded and attendees have left.

15. Veterans Sections: Wes Hatch Lane and Section 189 Rows S thru Z are designated for Veteran's and their spouse only. Section 183 is designated for veterans only. Interment of spouse is not allowed in Section 183, unless spouse is a veteran.

16. Only cemetery personnel are permitted to install liners, vaults, caskets, urns, cremated remains, markers or any similar work on the grounds of the cemetery.

17. AT NO TIME WILL THE OPENING OF A CASKET BE PERMITTED ON THE CEMETERY GROUNDS.

18. Disinterment authorization is at the discretion of the PRDC management based on availability of information and cause of death, burial preparations and casket type. At the time of a disinterment the cemetery personnel shall: remove dirt from the grave, raise the lid from the concrete unit and remove the casket. In the event that the casket has deteriorated the removal of the remains will be supervised by a licensed funeral director. Remains shall be placed in a new standard casket for transportation. Remains disinterred from another cemetery and to re-interred at PRDC will be encased in a new standard casket before delivery to the district cemetery. The cemetery district will not be held liable for any damage to the casket or remains being disinterred.

19. The drinking of alcoholic beverages on the grounds of the Paso Robles District Cemetery is prohibited.
20. The Paso Robles District Cemetery does not allow tents/E-Z UPs/stationary umbrellas/shade structures of any kind.
21. Gatherings of over 10 people, dove releases, site blessings, etc. must be cleared by Cemetery Office Staff to avoid conflicts with scheduled funerals, call 805-238-4544 or email tomflynn@pasocemetery.com
22. No bar-b-ques, grills, cooking or meal gatherings are allowed on Cemetery Grounds.
23. Resident fees will be granted to persons residing within the Paso Robles cemetery district boundaries. Non-Resident fees may be assessed to qualifying persons not residing within the Paso Robles cemetery district boundaries if certain criteria are met. (Exception: if a resident is forced to move out of the district boundaries due to illness they may be granted resident fees.)
24. Mausoleum entombments require embalming and the use of a "steel sealer" type casket. Bottom interment in a double depth grave require the use of a "steel sealer" type casket. Only single size markers will be allowed on double depth graves.

[Mausoleum Maximum Casket Size 28.5"W x 84"L x 23.5" H](#)

25. The District will not be responsible for any damage to headstones, curbs, copings or cement frames around headstones. Broken cement frames, curbs or copings will be removed when they pose a safety hazard.
26. Wind Chimes– Small chimes, not to exceed 16" (overall length) may be placed in trees, one chime per tree, at a maximum height of 6' from ground level. In trees with lower branch structure only. Any chime not meeting above requirements will be removed. No other items are to be placed in the trees. No signs, lights, garden art, balloons, nails, screws, eye hooks, etc.
27. The board of trustees of the Paso Robles District Cemetery reserves the right to add to and/or make such changes in these rules and regulations as are necessary from time to time in the future.