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CHAPTER 4.04

CEMETERY MANAGEMENT

4.04.010 – Establishment. The following described land, situate in the town of Colton, county of Whitman and state of Washington, to-wit: The land purchased of Myron A. Ferguson and his wife, Sallie Ferguson, for cemetery purposes, particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point on the government line 884.4 feet east from the center corner of Section 34, in township 13n., range 45 e. w. m., (the northeast corner of cemetery grounds); thence south, 5 deg. 58 minutes west, (272.5) two hundred and seventy-two and five-tenths feet, to southeast corner; thence west parallel with the government line (355.5) three hundred and thirty-five and five tenths feet to southwest corner; thence north 5 deg, 58 minutes east, (272.5) two hundred seventy- two and five-tenths feet to aforesaid section to the northwest corner; thence east along

said line (355.5) three hundred fifty-five and five-tenths feet to place of beginning. Said land, containing two acres, more or less, is hereby set apart and established as a public cemetery, to be known as the Colton cemetery.

4.04.020 – Price of Graves. The price of graves in the Colton Cemetery shall be \$~~300.00~~ for each grave.

4.04.030 – Purchase of Cemetery Lot. Any person wishing to purchase a lot or lots in the Colton Cemetery shall pay to the town treasurer the price of a lot or lots and deposit the treasurer's receipt therefor with the town clerk, who shall within three days thereafter issue a deed from the inhabitants of the town of Colton, signed by the mayor and by the clerk, to the purchaser. The expenses of executing each deed shall be paid by the purchaser of the lot or lots.

4.04.040 – Record Keeping. The town clerk shall note the sale on the plat of the cemetery, and enter a record of each deed issued in a book kept by him for that purpose, for which deed and entry he shall receive a fee of one dollar.

4.04.050 – Use of Proceeds. The proceeds for the sale of lots in the Colton cemetery and all monies donated to the town of Colton for cemetery purposes, shall be set apart and known as the cemetery fund, and shall be used only for cemetery purposes, and all expenses of securing, improving and maintaining said cemetery shall be paid from said cemetery fund.

4.04.060 – Management, Care, and Control. The care of the Colton Cemetery shall be the duty of the Town maintenance man. The management and control of the Colton Cemetery shall be the responsibility of the Town Council. The Town Clerk shall keep a book, to be furnished and kept for the purpose of an accurate record of all persons buried with the Colton Cemetery. All graves shall be dug by employees of the Funeral Home or their subcontractors.

4.04.070 – Permit Required. No grave shall be dug and no person shall be buried in the Colton Cemetery without a permit having been first obtained from the Town Clerk.

4.04.080 – Digging Fees. The Town of Colton will not dig or charge a fee for digging a grave site at the Colton Cemetery. All fees for digging shall be paid by the person or persons who ordered the grave dug.

CHAPTER 4.08

CEMETERY REGULATION

4.08.010 – Vaults, Liners and Plot Size. All persons to be buried at the Colton Cemetery shall be placed in a concrete or metal vault or liner of a type approved by the Town Council, provided, however, that the cremated remains may be buried in an urn of a concrete or metal container that meets with the approval of the Town Council. The Colton Cemetery does not supply liners, vaults or urns. These are purchased at the parties own expense. Most vaults or liners are 36"

high by 90" long. Grave layout will be at least 39 feet wide and 8 feet long. If an oversized plot is needed the party must purchase 2 plots. State law requires that graves should have 18 inches of dirt on top. NO burials in alleys, which are the spaces between rows and columns of graves or sites to be used as graves and which spaces are designed to be used as walkways, shall not be permitted.

4.08.020 – Double use of Graves/Cremation. The number of urns for ashes in one plot will be determined by the size of the urns; provided, however that only one grave marker shall be allowed for such a grave. The cremated remains of one person can be placed in the same adult grave site where a casket burial has taken place or is contemplated to take place; provided, however that in each of these cases only one grave marker shall be allowed for such a grave. Double depth graves are permitted; provided, the proper liner or vault devices are utilized.

4.08.030 – Monument and Marker Restrictions. All graves shall have some sort of maker. All grave markers shall be placed and set by a retail monument dealer or by someone acting for a retail monument dealer. The Town will not set grave markers. There shall be no more than one (1) Head Stone or Marker per plot. No Head Stone or Marker shall exceed the plot size. All Head Stones, Markers or Monuments shall be set in a cement foundation at least six inches in thickness. NO fences or walls made of any kind of material shall be placed in, around or upon any graves or burial plot in the Colton Cemetery.

4.08.040 – Grave Decorations. Planter boxes, natural and artificial flowers and other grave decorations shall be allowed upon or about a grave or burial plot for a period of five days immediately following a burial. No plantings shall be allowed upon or about a grave or burial plot unless officially authorized in writing by the Town Council. Natural and artificial flowers or grave decorations are permitted at all times from March 31st through November 1st when placed in a cup recessed in the foundation of the grave marker or monument of appropriate dimensions. If there is no grave marker or monument then a concrete slab, at least 6 inches thick, with a recessed cup may be installed; provided, however that such installation shall be done by a retail monument dealer or someone acting for a retail monument dealer. The recessed cup shall be of commercial manufacture specifically designed for cemetery use. Hanging baskets may also be installed. Natural flowers will be allowed at all times as long as the requirements of this section are followed. Wire shall not be used to hold natural or artificial flowers in place. Glass containers shall not be used at any time. Cemetery maintenance personnel shall remove and discard all flowers or decorations that have deteriorated in beauty, or upon the sixth day after a burial or if the decorations hamper maintenance operations.

4.08.050 – Severability. If any section, part of section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provision so this Ordinance shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.