
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
FROM: Jen Basham, Parks and Recreation Director
MEETING: August 7, 2023

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of an ordinance amending Article 2 “Rules and Regulations” of Chapter 18 “Cemeteries” of the City of Burleson Code of Ordinances (First Reading). (*Staff Presenter: Jen Basham, Parks and Recreation Director*).

SUMMARY:

City staff is recommending that the City Council amend the Code of Ordinances regarding the cemetery to increase requirements when installing monuments. Staff believes the proposed amendments will increase the quality of the cemetery and decrease future maintenance costs. The proposed amendments will provide protections against cemetery monuments leaning or breaking in the future.

In a nutshell, the proposed amendments will make three changes to the current cemetery ordinance. First, the amendments will provide for enhanced requirements concerning cemetery monument installation. Second, the amendments will require that all monument installation companies be approved by the City or the cemetery operator. Finally, the amendments will provide for additional specifications for memorial foundations.

On January 11, 2023, the Cemetery Board reviewed the current ordinance and monument installation policy, and recommended that the ordinance be amended.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve as presented
- 2) Approve with changes
- 3) Deny

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving as presented.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

January 11, 2023 – Staff briefed Cemetery Board on monument installation policy and recommended ordinance updates to address leaning monuments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

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