



Appropriate Use and Maintenance Guidelines Standing Strong Veterans Pergola Mercerdale Park

Appropriate Use Guidelines

- **Permitted Uses/Installations:**

- Civic and community events (e.g., small public gatherings, City-sponsored events, Veterans and memorial-related ceremonies)
- Cultural and artistic performances
- Passive use such as reflection, small group gatherings, picnicking, and informal seating
- City-installed seasonal decorations, displays, and enhancements (e.g., lighting, flower baskets, sunshade)
- Arts Council supported temporary art installations
- Organized group activities or classes
- Filming or photography (non-commercial or permitted commercial use)

- **Prohibited Uses:**

- Activities that detract from the dignity of the memorial, including loud, disruptive behavior
- Installations that obscure plaques, inscriptions, or key design elements
- Unauthorized signage, postings, or advertisements
- Commercial sales or vending, unless explicitly permitted by the City
- Uses that may damage or deface the structure, including the attachment of items (decor, signage, equipment)
- Climbing, hanging, or misuse of structural elements
- Any activity that poses a safety risk

Maintenance Guidelines:

Routine Maintenance coordinated by Parks Maintenance:

- Weekly site inspection
- Weekly light cleaning to remove dirt, debris, and organic build up
- Immediate removal of graffiti and unauthorized signage
- Monthly checks for wear, corrosion, loose components or damage
- Monthly evaluation of surrounding site conditions (landscaping, tree canopy, drainage)
- Annual deep cleaning- including pressure washing
- Annual review of plaques and inscriptions
- Schedule repainting every 10–15 years (or as needed based on condition).