

	<b>City of Lacombe</b> <b>Grave Decorations</b>	
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**Purpose of Policy**

WHEREAS Council has approved the new Cemetery Bylaw 356 Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council concurs with the recommendation of Administration to create an operating policy on Grave Decorations.

**Applicability**

This applies to anyone wishing to place objects / flowers on a gravesite in Fairview Cemetery

**Definitions**

See Bylaw 356.

**Responsibilities**

See *Administrative Directive, 56/112.01(12)*

**Procedure**

**Grave Decorations**

1. A grave decoration is anything that is placed on a grave, columbarium or memorial wall for memorial purposes. These decorations must meet certain conditions imposed by the City as follows:
  - a. Affixing floral pieces, funeral designs, or any items whatsoever to a niche is prohibited.
  - b. Flowers must be placed in a vase that is already part of the monument.
  - c. The grave decorations must not include any of the following items: wood, glass, china, or plastic, shepherd hooks, lawn ornaments, trinkets, statues, fencing, toys, solar lights, or metal receptacles other than those used on a wreath stand.
  - d. No vegetation (trees, shrubs, or flowers etc.) may be planted on the grave.
  - e. Flowers and other funeral designs or floral pieces may be placed only at the base of the grave or columbarium for a period of 7 days after interment, after which time they may be removed by a City employee.

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2. Any Society desiring to hold a memorial service shall give the C.A.O. at least 10 days notice in writing of their intention to do so.
3. Unless permission has been obtained from the C.A.O., no person shall remove, destroy, prune or otherwise interfere with any woody or flowering ornamentals in any cemetery. All woody ornamentals shall be planted only by employees of the City under the direction of the C.A.O.
4. Fences, railings, walls, copings, hedges in or around the lots are prohibited.
5. All grading seeding of grass, and sod work shall be done under the direction of the C.A.O.
6. No person, other than the C.A.O. or employees of the City, or the owner of a plot or his / her agent, shall be permitted to care for any plot in any cemetery.
7. The City accepts no responsibility for missing vases, flowers or wreaths
8. Any items not meeting these conditions will be removed and disposed of by The City of Lacombe Parks Services staff.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Office