

Mercy Muslim Cemetery Regulations

For the mutual protection for Islamic Services Foundation of OKC, a corporation, which is the owner of the land, and every plot, the following are hereby adopted as the rules and regulations for the operation and maintenance of Mercy Muslim Cemetery, hereby referred as 'M.M.C'.

All visitors within the cemetery and all plots shall be subjected to said rules and regulations, and subject further to such other rules and regulations, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by M.M.C. from time to time; and the reference to these rules and regulations in the right of interment certificates shall have the same force and effect as if set forth in full therein. These rules and regulations are filed with the courthouse of Logan County, in the State of Oklahoma, and are permanent part of their records.

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REGULATIONS

- The M.M.C. is ONLY FOR MUSLIMS.
- The M.M.C. reserves the right to refuse any request for burial without providing any reasons.
- All funerals upon arrival at M.M.C. shall be under the supervision of the Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City's representative (person in charge of the cemetery), also referred to as the "Superintendent".
- M.M.C. will not allow the body of any deceased to be buried without all that is required by law (see attached graphs for details):
 1. If the deceased is from the State of Oklahoma, a Death certificate filled and signed.
 2. If the deceased is from outside the State of Oklahoma, a Death certificate filled and signed along with a Burial-transit permit.
- Once the remains have been accepted, they must be interred within 24 hours.
- M.M.C. reserves the right to refuse any ritual that has no ground in the Islamic Sharia'h jurisprudence before, during, and after burial.
- M.M.C. reserves the right to refuse permission to anyone to open the coffin or to touch the body of the deceased without the consent of the legal representative of the deceased or without a court order.
- The ISGOC representative (person in charge of the cemetery) will arrange for body viewing at Funeral facility ONLY, when requested.
- There will be NO body viewing in the mosque.
- Burial in M.M.C. will substantially follow the sequence of steps set forth at the end of these Regulations.
- Monuments shall not be permitted on graves or plots in any section within the cemetery. Only markers, size as specified by M.M.C. shall be allowed, and they must be set level with the ground at the head of each grave space. Only one marker per grave space shall be allowed, as per Logan County rules and regulations.
- Grave depth shall be a minimum of six (6) feet below the surface of the ground.

- All graves shall be flush with the surface of the ground.
- No gravesite shall be located within 25 feet of the property line, within 100 feet of a channel of any drainage way identified on a survey filed with the Logan County.
- No graves or structures shall be located within any utility easements on the property. See survey for details.
- M.M.C. disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage beyond its control, and especially from damages caused by elements, act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots or order of military or civil authority, whether damage is direct or collateral.
- M.M.C. reserves the right to regulate the method of decorating graves to harmonize with surroundings.
- No additional plants are allowed.
- Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardships. M.M.C. therefore reserves the right, without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications in anyone or all of the rules and regulations when in its judgment such charges appear advisable. Such temporary exceptions, suspension or modifications shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of these rules and regulations.
- M.M.C. shall not be held responsible for any information given by telephone or for any mistake occurring for want of precise or proper instructions.
- M.M.C. reserves the right to enlarge, reduce, re-plot or change the boundaries of cemetery property, including the right to modify or change the location of, remove or re-grade roads, drives, walks, parkways, or any part thereof.
- M.M.C. reserves to itself and to those lawfully entitled thereto, a perpetual right of access over any plot for the purpose of passage to and from other plots.
- M.M.C. reserves the right to require written application by the plot user to open any burial space.
- M.M.C. may adopt new rules and regulations from time to time or it may alter, amend or repeal all or any part of these rules and regulations. At such time these rules and regulations shall be amended or replaced by the new rules and regulations.
- M.M.C. will utilize the services of Hahn-Cook, Street & Draper Funeral Services, located at 6600 Broadway Extension, Oklahoma City, OK 73116 (405-848-3744), for all burials, unless other arrangements are approved in advance by the Superintendent.

Following is a sequence of steps for all burials:

- A funeral service pre-approved by the Superintendent, in his discretion, will pick up the deceased's body anywhere in the Greater Oklahoma City Metropolitan area.
- A washing committee will go to prepare the body.
- The body will then be brought to Masjid An-Nasr for prayer. Additional charges will apply if taken to another mosque.
- A funeral service pre-approved by the Superintendent, in his discretion, will then transport the body to M.M.C. for burial.

- **The Superintendent, ISGOC representative (person in charge of the cemetery)** , will arrange for grave digging and closing. .
- A head stone will be ordered by Hahn-Cook, Street & Draper Funeral Services, or other provider approved by the Superintendent. Please provide the first and last name of the deceased, along with the date of birth and date of death for the head stone.
- Once on M.M.C. property, please obey all signs.
- Please park at the designated areas only.
- Other arrangements such as the use of the chapel at Hahn-Cook, Street & Draper Funeral Services or another venue approved by the Superintendent, police escort, and pick up outside Oklahoma City Metropolitan area must be approved by the Superintendent, ordered in advance and paid for in addition to regular burial charges.