

**SUNSET VIEW CEMETERY  
EAGLE CEMETERY DISTRICT  
P.O. BOX 514  
EAGLE, CO. 81631**

**GUIDELINES, RULES & REGULATIONS**

Sunset View Cemetery established in 1885, is a tax district within Eagle County and funded with tax dollars. The boundaries of the district are roughly between Wolcott and the Eagle County Airport. Tax revenue records are available through the Eagle County Assessor's Office.

The Cemetery is governed by a three member, volunteer board appointed by the Eagle County Commissioners and follows the rules mandated by the State of Colorado. A caretaker and an administrator oversee the operation of the Cemetery.

**BURIALS:**

No one may bury human remains in the Cemetery without contacting a member of the Board in order to be certain the burial is in the proper place and that the records of the Cemetery are properly maintained.

**PLOTS:** Each plot is 4' x 8' or 32 square feet. There are 4 plots within each section. Due to space constraints each plot may be used for one traditional casket burial; or 4 cremations. **NO vaults or casket covers are permitted.** Cremations may be interred on existing family plots with permission from the surviving family members.

**COST OF BURIAL PLOTS:**

- In District     \$500.
- Out of District \$2,500 for immediate need only

**NICHE:** The columbarium will be a lasting memorial to the inurned ashes of family members. There are three columbarium structures with niches. Each niche is approximately 12 x 12 X 12 inches and will accommodate two cremation urns. Niches are for the inurnment of human cremains only. Deceased pets, valuables, flowers, mementos will not be allowed in a niche. All inurnments may only be performed by Cemetery District Staff. The cost of engraving the niche door is the responsibility of the Owner. The Bookman font has been chosen by the Board to provide consistency. Niche doors will be engraved by a designated vendor.

## **COLUMBARIA NICHEs:**

- In District \$1000.
- Out of District \$2,500,

Make checks payable to the Eagle Cemetery District. A deed will be issued at the time of purchase. There are no reservations or payment plans available. Proof of physical address or a property tax receipt is required.

**OWNERSHIP:** Proof of ownership is by physical deed OR the integrity of the records kept by the Cemetery District. Because the Cemetery is a tax-supported cemetery, plots are designed to be used by those within the taxing district. Maximum purchase is 4 plots. Plots are for the use of the purchaser and/or his/her immediate heirs.

**REASSIGNMENT OF PLOTS:** Plots/Niches may be transferred to individuals and/or family members, but a new deed must be issued. Buyers are not allowed to re-sell their plots. If a plot/niche is to be reassigned, it must be sold back to the District for the price of original purchase. It will then be reassigned at the current market value.

**OPENING AND CLOSING GRAVES:** The District does not provide the labor for this task, but will assist in arranging for this work to be done. The cost is borne by the family and payments must be made to the excavator. Only approved contractors shall be allowed to perform this duty. Graves must be closed to cemetery standards and approved by the cemetery caretaker. Plots to be excavated must be marked by a cemetery district employee in order to maintain accuracy of the placement of the graves and the records of the Cemetery. Niche openings may only be performed by Cemetery District staff. Two openings are included in the initial purchase. There will be a fee for additional openings.

**CARETAKING:** The Cemetery is maintained from May through September. Maintenance includes mowing, watering, and tree care and pest control. The Cemetery roads are maintained throughout the year. There is NO perpetual care of monuments. The Cemetery caretaker will maintain the grounds and the graves in the best possible manner. Grass will be planted on graves when proper subsidence has occurred.

**MONUMENTS:** Monuments MUST fit within the 4' x 8' (32 square foot) area of the plot. Monuments are limited to 36 inches high from the ground; and must be no wider than the 4 ft. width of the plot. Flat markers may be no larger than 2 ft by 3.5 ft. No copings, cement walls or boundaries of any kind are allowed. Monuments may be installed only by designated companies or those approved by the Board. ANY infraction of this rule will be removed at the expense of the plot owners. Monument designs must be approved in advance by the staff and district board. The size of the cement base may be dictated by the topography of the site.

**TRIBUTES:** Tributes are allowed as follows:

- All tributes must be tasteful and within the boundaries of the gravesite.
- Height limit for monuments is 36 inches.
- Flowers may be planted within 8 inches of the monument.
- No stripping of grass from graves.
- Improper plantings or removal of grass from graves will be corrected at the expense of the perpetrator.
- Do not leave alcohol or open beverage containers on graves. Such items present liability issue
- No glass of any kind.
- No incendiary devices of any kind.
- No lights of any kind.
- No floral vases, vase hangers, wreaths, or decorations of any kind will be attached to niche doors.
- No flower arrangements, plants, wreaths, toys, or mementos will be allowed to be placed near the columbarium, at any time, except at the time of inurnment. Tributes may be placed near the niche on the day of inurnment. They will be removed five days later or as soon as permitted.

**PLANTINGS:** No permanent plantings (trees, shrubbery, etc.) without prior approval of the Board. Plantings must be in line with the headstones for ease of mowing and a neat appearance and **MUST** be within the 32 square feet of the plot area. Watering and maintenance of any new plantings is the responsibility of the planter. Established plantings will be maintained by the caretaker, but the Cemetery Board does not guarantee maintenance; and will not be liable for the life of the plants.

**HOURS:** Visitation is encouraged between sunrise and sunset every day of the year. Visitation during nighttime hours is at one's own risk and is discouraged.

**PARKING:** Do not park on any grassy areas; Parking is allowed on the road only.

**ANIMALS:** Eagle County Animal Control rules apply. Clean up after pets when necessary. Pet burials are not allowed in the Cemetery.

**CONDUCT WITHIN CEMETERY:** No loitering, picnics or recreational activities permitted on the Cemetery grounds. Proper respect for the hallowed ground must be observed at all times.

**TRIBUTE AREA:** There is an established area in the Cemetery where memorial plantings and/or tributes in memory of those not actually buried in the Cemetery are allowed. Please contact the Board for more information.

**RECORDS:** Cemetery records are maintained with the current administrator – in the Eagle Valley Library, on computer, and in traditional format.