

Cemetery FAQ's

Who is responsible for damage to markers/vases/etc.?

- The City makes every effort to take care of and be responsible for markers when we mow or do maintenance in a cemetery. If we know we have damaged a marker, we will contact a company dealing with headstones to see about repairs. Routine maintenance is the responsibility of the family. There are local companies that will provide yearly cleaning of monuments if desired.

Can I sell or gift my plot to someone? What do I need to provide to the City?

- You can gift or sell your plots. Prior to location of a plot for burial, you will need to provide the City with a bill of sale that lists the specific plots you are selling. We would also ask that it be notarized with both the buyer and seller signatures.

Who opens and closes graves?

- The City does not provide this service and it is arranged through the funeral home you contract with.

What's different with Monta Vista Cemetery now that the City has assumed ownership?

- The City has digitized all past deed books and is relying on those for proof of ownership for a burial at Monta Vista.
- The City has a multiyear plan to improve the facilities at Monta Vista including road repair/paving, installing a new roof on the mausoleum, painting and repairing the mausoleum, and other general cleanup of the cemetery.
- Before taking ownership, the City photographed all markers and vases to set a base record of the condition of each marker and vase. The City is not responsible for past damage caused by the previous owners.
- The City does not provide the plaque or date of death plates for Monta Vista. You will need to contact a monument company for that need.

~ Rules and Regulations for City of Galax Cemeteries ~

For the mutual protection of every plot purchaser, these rules and regulations are hereby set for the following City of Galax owned and operated cemeteries:

- Felts Cemetery
- City Cemetery
- Monta Vista Cemetery & Mausoleum

The City of Galax reserves the right to regulate and control all work done in the Cemeteries and reserves to itself full power and authority, at any time it may deem such a course advisable for the proper protection of lot owners and its property. The City of Galax reserves the right to prevent or remove any monument, structure, object, or inscription, in which the Cemetery Manager may determine to be, or to have become undesirable, distasteful, or injurious to the general good appearance of the grounds.

1. All monuments, and grave markers, must be of a good quality granite or genuine bronze. No other material will be permitted. A Permit, issued by the Cemetery Manager, is required to set a marker. The permit fee is \$25.
2. No shrubbery, trees, or flowers shall be planted on any lot, nor shall any existing tree(s) thereon be removed without the consent of the Cemetery Manager.
3. No benches or any unapproved monuments are allowed.
4. All flowers, lights, and any decorations must be placed on the stone. Unapproved items, or items that have become damaged or worn, may be removed at the discretion of the Cemetery Manager.
5. No transfer of ownership is allowed without notification and approval of the Cemetery Manager.
6. Section Old 3 of Felts Cemetery is a flat marker section only.
7. Monta Vista Cemetery is a flat marker cemetery only.

FEES

- City Residents – \$450 per plot
- Grayson or Carroll Residents – \$600 per plot
- Out of Area Residents – \$800 per plot
- Monta Vista Mausoleum – \$1000 per crypt
- Opening and Closing Monta Vista Mausoleum Crypt
 - Weekday \$ 500
 - Weekend/Holiday \$ 750