

ORDINANCE NO. 1217

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LLANO, TEXAS, CREATING AN INFANT MEMORIAL GARDEN AT THE CITY OF LLANO CEMETERY; DESIGNATING LOTS FOR THAT PURPOSE; REGULATING USE AND COSTS; SEPARATING FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS; AND CREATING A SUPPORT COMMITTEE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GARDEN.

WHEREAS, The City of Llano desires to respect the final resting place of infants, and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Llano desires to designate a portion of the City of Llano Cemetery for the exclusive burial of infants up to one year old, and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Llano desires to create a funding mechanism for improvements to the Infant Memorial Garden, and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Llano desires to create and ordain rules and procedures for the use and costs of operating the Garden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Llano, Texas, that:

SECTION 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE INFANT MEMORIAL GARDEN/BABYLAND

- A. Lots 138 to 145, Row A, and Lots 138 to 145, Row B, Block 21, New Addition to the City of Llano Cemetery shall be designated as the Infant Memorial Garden.

SECTION 2. RESTRICTIONS

- A. Lots shall be designated for infants up to one (1) year of age with a minimum of two burials per lot. The City of Llano Sexton shall have discretion in selecting lots for burial.
- B. Standard depth of grave spaces shall be a minimum of twenty four (24) inches below the surface if no outer burial container is used; or shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) inches below the surface if a outer burial container is used.
- C. Permanent markers shall be granite, marble or bronze with a cement base installed. Permanent markers shall not exceed 12 ½" by 6 ½" by 4" thick. No upright markers shall be allowed.
- D. Statues, vases and decorations may be placed on graves by permission of the Cemetery Sexton, however; shall not exceed twelve (12) inches in height. The Sexton shall have authority to dispose of unkempt decorations or flowers.

SECTION 3. FINANCES, COST OF LOTS AND BURIAL, INFANT MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND.

- A. There shall be no charge for the cemetery lots, opening and closing of graves, and the recording fees.
- B. The City hereby establishes an account within the General Fund to accept donations to pay for permanent markers, statuary, fencing, and other costs of care and improvement.
- C. The Mayor may appoint a committee of no more than four individuals to review needs and authorize improvements to the Infant Memorial Garden based on available financial resources. The committee may meet according to rules and procedures set forth by the committee as approved by City Council.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY


All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, or resolutions in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

The invalidity of any section or provision of this ordinance shall not validate other sections of provisions thereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED This 18th day of June, 2012


Mike Reagor, Mayor

ATTEST


Toni Milam, City Secretary

