

Purpose/Objectives

The objective of this policy is to outline the general requirements and process the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority (the Authority) has in place in relation to the operations of the Authority's facilities.

Policy statement

Fees

The Authority establishes fees for granting rights of interment and inurnment and all other services as determined by the Authority from time to time.

Landscaping

1. No person, except a person authorised by the Authority, may landscape or change the landscaping of any portion of the cemetery.
2. All plants and trees in the cemeteries remain the property of the Authority.
3. The Authority may plant and maintain lawn on grave sites at the discretion of the Authority.
4. The Authority may alter or transfer any landscaping or memorial garden bed as it may determine.

Speed limits

1. A speed limit applies in the cemetery as indicated by the signs displayed.

Dangerous driving

1. **As per provision 22** of the *Local Government (Cemetery) Regulations 1995*, a person must not drive a motor vehicle within a cemetery in a dangerous or careless manner or without reasonable consideration for others.

Drivers to comply with directions of cemetery authority

1. **As per provision 23** of the *Local Government (Cemetery) Regulations 1995*, a person must, while in charge of a motor vehicle within a cemetery, comply with any lawful directions of the cemetery authority as to the driving or parking of vehicles.
2. The Authority directs that all motor vehicles must remain on the designated roadways unless otherwise directed by the Authority.

Prohibited activities

1. **As per provision 24** of the *Local Government (Cemetery) Regulations 1995*, a person must not remove, damage, deface or interfere with –
 - a) any building, memorial or other fixture or structure in a cemetery
 - b) any part of the grounds of a cemetery, including a tree, shrub, plant, flower or lawn, or a stake or label on or near any such thing.
2. In addition a person, whilst within the cemetery grounds, is not permitted to–
 - a) Sell or buy anything unless authorised by the Authority;
 - b) Carry on a business or advertise the same unless authorised by the Authority;
 - c) Organise or take part in a meeting without first being authorised by the Authority;
 - d) Disturb a funeral service, cause a nuisance or breach the peace;
 - e) Discharge a firearm (except at a armed services funeral);
 - f) Consume alcohol other than as part of a funeral service, as authorised by the Authority.
 - g) Deposit refuse except in receptacles provided for the purpose.

Power of the cemetery authority

1. **As per provision 25** of the *Local Government (Cemetery) Regulations 1995*, the cemetery authority may –
 - a) cause to be removed from an interment site in the cemetery any unattached ornament, empty flower container, broken masonry, decayed or broken wreath or dead flowers; and
 - b) cause to be pruned, cut down or removed any plant on an interment site in the cemetery that is, in the opinion of the cemetery authority, unsightly or overgrown.
2. In addition, the cemetery Authority may replace any tree, shrub, plant flower or lawn on an interment site in a cemetery that is, in the opinion of the cemetery authority, unsightly, unsuitable or unhealthy.
3. **As per provision 26** of the *Local Government (Cemetery) Regulations 1995*, if a cemetery authority has reason to suspect that a person has committed, is committing or is about to commit an offence in the cemetery, the cemetery authority may require the person to leave the cemetery.
4. All visitors, contractors or other persons in the authority's cemeteries are subject to the direction and supervision of the Authority. A person must not refuse to comply with direction or supervision of the cemetery authority otherwise they may be required to leave the cemetery.
5. Children under the age of 10 years must be accompanied by and remain under the control of an adult at all times otherwise they may be required to leave the cemetery.

Control of animals

1. The public must not ride, drive or exercise animals other than dogs in the cemetery unless they have the approval of the Authority.
2. All dogs' in the cemetery must be kept on a leash of no more than 2 metres in length and held by a person capable of controlling the dog and preventing it from becoming a nuisance or a danger to others.
3. It is the dog owners responsibility to collect dog faeces and dispose of them via a rubbish bin.