

§ 96.09 TREES.

(A) In general. Planting trees in the cemetery will be allowed by a written resolution, approved by the City Commission in a roll call vote, on an ad hoc basis as requested; however, the Smiths Grove Cemetery has areas where no monuments will ever be erected which gives us good areas to specifically plant species of trees that will do little damage to the monuments in our cemetery.

(B) Procedure. Any citizen or non-citizen who owns a cemetery plot or a community group that desires to plant a tree or trees in the city cemetery must make a petition to the City Commission to get a resolution passed from the Commission for such planting.

(C) Location. The petition should specify the location the tree/trees is/are to be planted. An applicable plat of the cemetery and the suggested location for placement of the tree/trees would be preferable.

(D) Species preferred. The preferred trees to be planted in the cemetery are as follows:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Crabapple	malus, various
Redbud	cercis canadensis
Pagoda dogwood	cornus alternifolia
Flowering dogwood	cornus florida
Serviceberry (apple serviceberry)	amelanchier x grandiflora
Washington hawthorne	crataegus phaenopyrum
Foster holly	ilex x attenuata
Crape myrtle	lagerstroemia, various

(E) Species other than preferred. Other species will be considered if they are similar in characteristics to the approved species. If exceptions are made to the species restrictions it will only be done by a resolution approved by the full City Commission in a roll call vote.

(F) Unapproved trees. Trees planted in the city cemetery without a signed resolution approving the species and location will be summarily removed.

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