

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois will hold a public hearing on February 18, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. The hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Altamont Municipal Building located at 202 North Second Street, Altamont, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the second reading of proposed decoration and planting rules for Union Cemetery. A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained at City Hall Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm or request by calling 618-483-5212 or on the website [altamontil.net](http://altamontil.net).

Sarah Stephen, City Clerk  
City of Altamont

**See Pages 2-3 for proposed changes**

# **Proposed Union Cemetery Decoration and Planting Rules**

## **Decorations**

Arrangements in approved monument vases or saddles on monuments are permitted at any time.

One shepard hook per grave marker is allowed at any time and must be placed with the stake within inches of the stone and the decoration hanging over the stone. Shepard hooks not used within one year may be removed at the discretion of the City.

Fresh cut flowers are allowed in approved vases at any time.

Ground decorations, potted plants and solar lights are not allowed from March 15th to October 31<sup>st</sup>, except for honorary days listed below.

Ground decorations and potted plants are permitted five days before to five days after the following honorary days:

- Easter
- Mother's Day
- Memorial Day
- Father's Day

Winter decorations shall be removed from the cemetery on or before March 15th of each year.

No floral receptacles may be installed on any space or lot unless approved by the city.

Recent interment, shall be honored with a special provision allowing funeral designs and floral pieces until they become unsightly.

## **Plantings**

Planting of trees will be allowed when an empty grave space is purchased for such purpose or within the memorial tree locations designated by the City. Tree within an empty grave space shall be planted in the middle of the grave as marked by the City. A written request indicating the type of planting and location shall be submitted to the City for approval.

Tree plantings require experience and oftentimes special equipment. No person, firm, corporation, nursery or the personnel of the City shall be permitted to make nursery plantings in the cemetery without prior approval. Any nursery that refuses or fails to comply with the City's rules and regulations shall not be given the privilege to enter on the cemetery grounds for nursery purposes until violations are brought into compliance.

Private plantings of annuals or perennials are not permitted. Plantings are subject to removal by the City.

## **Permanent Objects**

A written request must be submitted to the City for approval, to place anything of permanent nature in Union Cemetery, except monuments and grave markers

## **Judgment of Removal**

The City shall have authority to remove all floral designs flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, plants or groundcover of any kind from the cemetery as soon as, in the judgment of the City, they become unsightly (faded, discolored, weather damaged, dislodged, or not in season), dangerous, detrimental, or when it does not conform to the standards maintained. The City shall not be responsible for lost, misplaced or broken flower vases. The City shall not be responsible for any wreath, spray, floral decorations, plants, herbage or plantings of any kind

damaged by the elements, thieves, vandals or by other causes beyond the City's control. The City reserves the right to regulate the method of decorating lots so that a uniform beauty may be maintained. The City reserves the right to prevent the placement of any flowers, floral designs, trees, shrubs or plants of any kind unless it gives consent.