

**CITY OF BUCKLEY, WASHINGTON**

**ORDINANCE NO. 09-18**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUCKLEY,  
WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 4.24.050 OF THE  
BUCKLEY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED MONUMENT,  
MARKER AND HEADSTONE CLASSIFICATIONS; AND  
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, Weeks Funeral Homes expressed to the City that they are receiving requests from interested individuals about the possibility of installing full concrete marker blankets (ledgers) on lots at the Buckley Cemetery and requests that the City consider allowing this as a change to current policy; and

**WHEREAS**, standards for City Cemetery monuments, markers and headstones are specified in BMC 4.24.050 and currently limit the size of monuments, headstones and markers on regular full size lots to 44 inches wide and 24 inches long on a single lot and 70 inches wide and 24 inches long for a double lot; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff reviewed this request and discussed it with the City Community Services Committee to ensure that any such change would not be detrimental to the aesthetics or maintenance of the Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff and the Community Services Committee were not able to identify any negative impacts and are therefore recommending that the City Council consider making revisions to the code section to reflect allowing full concrete marker blankets (ledgers) on lots at the Buckley Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council concurs with the Committee's recommendation and desires to amend to BMC 4.24.050 as presented; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUCKLEY, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Section 4.24.050 of the Buckley Municipal Code entitled “Monument, marker and headstone classifications” is hereby amended to read as follows:

**4.24.050 Monument, marker and headstone classifications.**

(1) All monuments, headstones, or markers will be set on 2 inches of rock base course (5/8” minus), flat and flush with the ground except in areas designated by the cemetery superintendent for the placement of upright monument, markers, or headstones.

(2) All monuments, headstones and markers less than three inches thick will be set in a concrete base, said base to extend four inches on all sides not containing a flower vase hole and not over six inches on sides or ends which do not contain a flower vase hole. On cremation lots the maximum size of monuments, headstones and markers shall be 22 inches by 22 inches on a single lot and 22 inches by 44 inches for a double. On regular full size lots, the maximum size of monuments, headstones and markers shall be 44 inches wide and 72 inches long on a single lot and 70 inches wide and 72 inches long for a double. On both regular and double full size lots monuments, headstones and markers shall be positioned in the center of the lot width and near the top of the lot length. For lots in the baby land the maximum size of monuments, headstones and markers shall be 32 inches wide and 24 inches long.

(3) No monuments, markers or headstones may be installed within the cemetery without giving 24 hours’ advance notice to the cemetery superintendent. No monuments, markers or headstones shall be set except during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Prior to installation of a monument, marker or headstone, the installer shall obtain approval from the cemetery superintendent or designee, the application for which shall require information on the lot location, the lot owner, the stone size and the time and date of installation. The fee for said setting permit will be established by city council resolution or by designee if the city council has delegated this responsibility through a formal agreement, and must be paid in advance of the setting. This fee shall reimburse the cemetery for review of the layout and finished installation inspection by cemetery personnel. After installation, all dirt and sod shall be hauled away from

the cemetery grounds and the work area shall be cleaned to the satisfaction of the cemetery superintendent.

**Section 2.** Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

**Section 3.** Effective date. This ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title shall be published in the official newspaper of the city, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication.

APPROVED by the Buckley City Council this 22nd day of May, 2018.

  
MAYOR, PAT JOHNSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
CITY CLERK, JOANNE STARR

APPROVED AS TO FORM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY 

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