



## **Aurora Cemetery - Fees and Regulations** **(Effective as of January 1, 2020 - City Ordinance 2019-173)**

The Aurora Cemetery is located on SR 43 and it is divided into eight sections: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, GB, H, H (Veterans) and I. Burials date back to the early 1800's and is the final resting place for many veterans from the Revolutionary War to the present time.

Graves are available for purchase. Section GB is reserved for baby interments; Section H (Veterans) is reserved for the veteran and spouse. There are no graves available for purchase in the historical Sections A and B. Gravesites in Section C for purchase may only be used for ash interments.

Contact the Service Department at (330) 995-9116 to purchase gravesites in available sections and to arrange burials. The City will accept payments to extend over a 5-month period for pre-need grave purchases.

### **Burial Regulations**

Burial arrangements shall be scheduled to be completed within the normal business hours, Monday- Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, and on Saturday before 12 noon. Requests for a timeframe outside of these designated times may be considered and determined by the Director of Public Services.

Burial services scheduled that would require the cemetery crew to work beyond normal workhours will be charged an additional "overtime" fee based on individual circumstances.

All burial receptacles, which exceed fifty (50) inches in length, shall be constructed of reinforced concrete, metal or other similar permanent material commonly accepted for burial purposes; the composition and design of which shall be subject to the approval by the Service Director. This rule does not apply to indigent interments. There is no requirement on the type of container for ash burials.

In any one gravesite, one of the following combinations is permitted:

- ✓ One vault interment
- ✓ One ash interment
- ✓ One vault interment with one ash interment on top of vault;  
the vault interment must precede the ash interment
- ✓ Two ash interments

### **Monument Foundations**

Monument foundations shall be installed only by the City of Aurora and the cost thereof billed and paid for by the monument company, or the lot owner before installation. The City shall provide and install a foundation free of charge for a veteran's monument furnished by the U.S. Government. All foundation bases in the Veterans Section G and H (Veterans) and Section E shall be flush with existing ground elevation.

The Service Department installs cement and gravel foundations twice annually in both the spring and fall seasons as weather permits.

### **Grave Monuments**

**Flush Monuments only** are permitted in Sections E, G and H (Veterans; these monuments are placed at the foot of the grave. **Above-ground and/or flush** monuments are permitted in Sections A, B, C, D, F, GB, and I; monuments in these sections will usually be placed on the head of the grave. As there is a mixture of headstones and footstones in some parts of the older sections, the decision to place a monument at other than the head location may be made jointly with the family and the Service Department.

The length of any grave monument may not exceed 36 inches on a single grave or 72 inches on a double grave; the width may not exceed 16 inches, and the height may not exceed 4 feet.

**Plantings/Decorations for All Sections**

No planting of trees, shrubs, bushes is permitted without prior approval of the Cemetery Sexton. Requests may be provided in writing to City of Aurora, Director of Public Services, 158 W. Pioneer Trail; Aurora, OH 44202 (Contact Numbers: (330) 995-9116;FAX (330) 562-1306; Website: [www.auroraoh.com](http://www.auroraoh.com) (Under the Service Department.)

The planting of annual/perennial flowers and/or miscellaneous decorations is permitted at the gravesite within the one-foot perimeter around the designated monument area\*, but must be regularly maintained by grave tenders to be weed free. Cemetery personnel will remove any plantings or decorations deemed unsightly by designated City personnel will be removed by cemetery staff. There are trash cans available for disposal of weathered items and water systems on onsite except in the winter months. The City does not assume liability for missing flower containers/decorations or damage to decorations/plants. **The Department of Public Services conducts two annual cemetery cleanups in the spring and fall and all weathered and unseasonal decorations must be removed during this time.** Statues and flower hooks may remain on site during the cleanup. Dates of this cleanup effort shall be posted on the Department’s website under “Cemetery”, advertised in the Aurora Advocate, and placed on the community bulletin boards. Weathered and unseasonal decorations/plants may be removed and disposed of at the discretion of the cemetery crew at anytime during the year.

*\* The cement pre-cast foundation that holds a bronze veteran monument exceeds the area allowed for planting on all sides around the monument. It is suggested that decorations be placed at the front or backside of the veteran monument if this type of pre-cast foundation is used to allow for proper maintenance of the grounds.*

**Fees as of 1/1/2020**

Fees are subject to change by the City of Aurora, without notice. Traditionally, the fees are increased on January 1 of a new year authorized per City Ordinance based on Cost-of-Living Index. Grave and burial fees must be paid prior to burial. Fees for services rendered and work performed in the Aurora Cemetery by City employees shall be as set forth in the following fee schedule and shall apply to all sections of the Aurora Cemetery:

<b>Services</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
Grave Space	\$ 554.00	\$ 965.00
Grave Space in Veterans Section H for Veteran and Spouse	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
Grave Space in Regular Section for Veteran and Spouse	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
Adult Vault Interment	\$ 554.00	\$ 965.00**
Adult Ash Interment	\$ 158.00	\$ 320.00**
Ash/Vault Interment (Infant)	\$ 158.00	\$ 320.00
Disinterment (hourly)	\$ 792.00 ***	\$ 792.00***
Foundations (sq. ft.)		
Cement/upright monuments	\$ 87.00/sq. ft. (minimum charge \$135.00)	\$ 87.00/sq. ft. (minimum charge \$135.00)
Gravel/ flush monuments	\$ 45.00/sq. ft. (includes labor)	\$ 45.00/sq. ft. (includes labor)
Pre-cast concrete, single size, (Bronze-type markers, other than federally issued.)	\$ 50.00/sq. ft + \$62.00 labor per slab	\$ 50.00/sq. ft. + \$62.00 labor per slab
<b>Note: No charge for foundations for U. S. Government issued markers.</b>		

\*\* Residential Burial Fee applies to a prior resident who purchased lots when a resident

\*\*\* Plus cost of materials

Add 50% for interments on Saturday or City Observed Holiday