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New rules and regulations being implemented for health and safety, preservation at City Greenwood Cemetery

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas – Beginning Jan. 1, new rules and regulations will be implemented at City Greenwood Cemetery for the health and safety of visitors, volunteers, maintenance crews/contractors and historic preservation.

The decision made by the City of Weatherford comes after the Parker County Heritage Society and citizens voiced their concerns regarding the historical cemetery that serves as the resting place for many notable people.

“City Greenwood Cemetery is a historical treasure to the community of Weatherford that attracts many visitors each year,” said Mayor Craig Swancy. “The health and safety of the public is our main concern and the new rules help to address those concerns.”

Four 2x3 foot permanent signs have been posted at all entrances of City Greenwood Cemetery detailing the new rules and regulations, along with notification to both Weatherford funeral homes. Temporary signage will also be posted at the cemetery to notify visitors that the rules go into effect Jan. 1, 2017. Visitors will have until Jan. 31, 2017, to personally remove all items not permitted by the new rules and regulations. Beginning Feb. 1, 2017, staff will begin removing any items that are in violation of the new rules. However, removed items can be claimed until Feb. 28, 2017, by contacting city secretary Malinda Nowell.

“We have taken every step to ensure that the public is aware of the new rules, along with contacting both Weatherford funeral homes,” said city secretary Malinda Nowell. “I feel confident that this will be a smooth transition as we work to ensure the safety of all visitors, and for the preservation of the cemetery. The phase-in process spans 120 days since the



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signs were erected, before staff will begin removing any items, plus an additional 30 days for families to claim items removed by staff.”

After Feb. 1 when staff begins removing items from the cemetery, any new items found in the cemetery and not in compliance with the rules may be removed and discarded immediately. For questions or to claim items between Feb. 1 and Feb. 28 contact city secretary Malinda Nowell at 817-598-4202 or via email at mnowell@weatherfordtx.gov.

Editor's note: New rules and regulations attached.

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