

GENERAL

CITY RESPONSIBILITY:

A city's representative, upon receipt of the permit fee to locate the grave site and to clearly mark the grave for opening. In no event shall anyone open a grave site prior to identification of said lot/plot.

FENCES/ORNAMENTAL OBJECTS

No fencing will be allowed on cemetery lot/plot. Ornamental objects, (containers, statues, etc) may only be placed on monuments/markers and must be attached or weighted as to not be easily removed by weather conditions or pedestrians. The City shall have the right to remove any object which encumbers normal ground maintenance. *(The City of Douglas is not responsible for personal property or ornamental objects left at the cemetery.)*

TURF DAMAGE AND REPLACEMENT

All area where turf is disturbed shall be repaired by the party responsible for turf removal or damage. Repairs shall require proper soil replacement and turf installation. Top soil, not clay, shall be used as a base for turf to allow proper growth. Those not abiding by these requirements shall be considered in violation and be responsible for damages.

TURF/DIRT REMOVAL

All area where it be deemed necessary to remove turf/dirt from a lot/plot or any other area in the cemetery, all turf/dirt must be placed in a designated area within the cemetery boundaries. This area will be designated by the City of Douglas, Public Works Department.

VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE

Violation of Ordinance 4-2.1-85 shall be punishable by a fine no to exceed two-hundred fifty (\$250) dollars and/or imprisonment in a City or County jail for a period not to exceed five days.

HISTORY

The first burial in the Douglas Cemetery was David H. Kirkland (1835-1865), owner of Kirkland Store.

A walk through the historic area, located in the north-east corner, gives you a sense of pride and helps identify community pioneers. Although aged and weather-worn, individualized monuments and markers characterizes and personalize the names and dates imbedded in stone.

In 1930, Warren P. Ward, author of *Ward's History of Coffee County*, described the Douglas Cemetery as one of the most beautiful in South Georgia. He gave credit to the ladies of Douglas for such beauty. Tall Italian Cypress reach more than 50 feet to blue skies. Although not native to the area, the presence of these stately trees is the result of a community volunteer landscape program during the early 1900's. Ward also noted (in 1930) that perhaps Douglas had the only cemetery in South Georgia that had a mausoleum.

Those laid to rest in the Ashley Mausoleum:

Isabel McRae Clements: Died 10-17, 1851
John Marshall Ashley: 7- 31, 1861 • 10- 28, 1916
John Marshall Ashley, Jr: 2- 4, 1915 • 10- 24, 1916
John Wooten Clements: 10- 24, 1848 • 3- 31, 1925
John R. Slater: 1892 • 9-7, 1930
Ada Clements Ashley Slater: 1881 • 1972

Information from:
Ward's History of Coffee County, 1930

LOTS/PLOTS

\$400 : 5'X10' burial for 1 (limited)
\$800: 10'X10' burial for 2
\$1,600: 10' X 10' burial fo 4
\$3,200: 20'X20' burial for 8
(\$12 additional fee for recording of each deed.)

PERMIT FEES AND CHARGES:

Monuments/Markers	\$35
Coping (per ft.)	\$1 per ft
Grave Opening	\$35
Damage to property	\$50 min.
VA pillows/bronze plaques	
<i>(Markers less than 3sq ft)</i>	No Fee

City of
DOUGLAS



CEMETERY

Rules and Regulations

City of Douglas, Georgia
P. O. Box 470, Douglas, GA 31534
Public Works Department
Cemetery Division
(912) 389-3450 or (912) 393-4796
www.cityofdouglas.com

LOTS/PLOTS

PURCHASE OF A LOTS/PLOTS

Any person desiring to purchase a plot or lot within the city cemetery may do so by depositing with the city the full cost of the plot or lot selected.

At the time of purchase, the purchaser shall be issued a receipt upon which is noted the plot and/or lot number, as well as, the cemetery section designation, the purchase price and name and address of purchaser and any other necessary information required by the city.

LOT/PLOT SIZE

All **LOTS** sold within the city's cemetery shall measure a minimum of ten feet by ten feet. A **PLOT** shall consist of any number of lots having a common boundary line on at least one side or end.
(limited single lots available 5' X 10')

PURCHASE PRICE

The purchase price of any lot shall be as set forth in the schedule of fees and charges.

- \$400: 5' X 10' Burial for 1 (limited)
- \$800: 10' X 10' Burial for 2
- \$1,600: 10' X 20' Burial for 4
- \$3,200: 20' X 20' Burial for 8

LOCATING LOTS

Maps showing available lots and lots of ownership are housed on site in the Cemetery Office.

Prior to the purchase of a lot or plot, a staff person will be available Monday - Friday (excluding holidays), 8:00am - 3:30pm to offer assistance with lot location.

If you are unable to locate this person, contact the Public Works Department at 389-3450.

DEED RECORDING FEE

A \$12 fee will be required for the recording of deed.

LOT/PLOT PURCHASE

City Hall, Office of City Clerk
E. Bryan Street, Douglas, GA 31533
(912) 389-3405

PERMITS

CORNER MARKINGS

A permit is required for the installation of corner markers. Markers shall be a maximum of six inches by six inches in size and set flush with surrounding ground level on the inside corner of the plot or lot so marked. The party responsible for installation, shall make application for a permit to install.

Monument/Marker Fee: \$ 35

MONUMENT/ MARKER/ COPING

A permit is required for the installation, removal, or repair of any monument, marker and or coping within the city cemetery. The party responsible for installation, shall make application for a permit.

Monument/Marker Fee: \$ 35

Coping Fee: \$ 1 per foot

On site lettering on existing markers No FEE.

GRAVE SITE OPENINGS

A permit is required by any party responsible for opening a grave site (cremation placement included). The permit obtained a minimum of 24 hours in advance unless burial emergencies occurs while City Hall is closed for business. In this event, permit shall be obtained within 24 hours of normal city business hours, following burial. **Grave Opening Fee: \$35**

OLD SECTION

Permits are required, but no fees required in the northeast corner (old section) of the cemetery, for grave openings, markers, monuments, or coping.

PERMIT LOCATION

Permit may be obtained from the City of Douglas Permits Office, City Hall (912) 389-3423

NOTE

Permits must be presented to cemetery representative prior to work beginning. Unless death and burial emergencies occurs during hours City Hall is closed.

REGULATIONS

OUTER BURIAL CONTAINER

In addition to a casket, an approved outer burial container is required (such as, concrete 1 1/2" thick, coated metals 12 gauge or thicker). Wooden boxes do not comply with this requirement.

MONUMENT BASE

The base on which all monuments and/or markers are to be located shall consist of poured concrete to a depth and size sufficient for proper support without cracking and shall not protrude above surrounding ground level in excess of one inch.

MATERIAL DISPOSAL

The removal of all excess material shall be the responsibility of the person making such repairs or installations. If not properly removed within 10 days, the City may remove same and charge all cost to party obtaining permit.

SOIL REMOVAL/COMPACTION

All grave sites opened shall have soil returned to the site fully compacted to prevent settling. The cost of any settling within 1 year shall be charged to the original permit holder. Soil removed from grave site shall be deposited at City designated area.

GROUND COVER

All graves shall be dug to a depth sufficient to allow a minimum ground cover of eighteen inches.

PLANTINGS

Only herbaceous, annuals and perennials are allowed on such plots or lots - No trees or woody plants.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY:

Persons causing damage to property shall be held liable. If not properly repaired within 5 days, the City may remove or repair and charge all cost to party obtaining permit.

HOURS OPEN

8:00am to 30 minutes after sunset