

E. VETERANS MEMORIAL DECORATION POLICY – IOOF SECTION 5

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to preserve the dignity, uniformity, and honor of the Veterans Section (Section 5) within the Orland Cemetery District. This section is intended to reflect the appearance and standards of official military cemeteries, maintaining a clean, orderly, and respectful environment for all veterans and their families.

This policy applies to all grave sites located within Veterans Section 5 and to all visitors, family members, and individuals placing decorations or memorial items in this section.

Authorized Memorial Items:

Only the following items are permitted on each monument pad within Veterans Section 5:

- **Veteran’s Marker:** All Markers must be made only of granite, marble (Veterans Administration markers only), or standard bronze.
- **Flower Vase(s):** A maximum of one (1) or two (2) vases per grave site.
- **Flagpole Holder:** Provided and installed by the Cemetery District.

These items are intended to ensure a uniform and respectful appearance consistent with national Veterans’ cemeteries.

Prohibited Items:

To maintain the integrity and appearance of the Veterans Section, the following items are strictly prohibited on monument pads or surrounding areas:

- Personal memorabilia of any kind (including but not limited to statues, figurines, toys, solar lights, plaques, ornaments, and keepsakes)
- Temporary or permanent decorations not listed under authorized items
- Fencing, borders, or enclosures
- Signs, banners, or additional markers
- Any item that interferes with maintenance operations or detracts from the uniform appearance of the section

Any unauthorized items may be removed and disposed of by Cemetery District staff without prior notice.

Permitted Exceptions:

- **Coins of remembrance or reference** (commonly left to honor service or indicate visitation) are permitted, provided they are placed directly on the marker and do not interfere with maintenance.

Maintenance and Appearance Standards:

Veterans Section 5 shall be maintained to reflect the standards of official military cemeteries, emphasizing:

- Cleanliness
- Uniformity
- Simplicity
- Respectful presentation

Cemetery staff will conduct regular inspections to ensure compliance with this policy.

Enforcement:

The Orland Cemetery District reserves the right to:

- Remove any items not in compliance with this policy
- Dispose of prohibited items at its discretion
- Enforce all rules necessary to maintain the dignity and appearance of the Veterans Section

Effective Date:

Proposed adoption the Orland Cemetery District May 12, 2026, Board Meeting.