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CITY OF ALTAMONT  
ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS

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ORDINANCE NO. 530-13

AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING CHAPTER 9, CEMETERY, REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES  
BY ADDING SECTION 9-2-6 THROUGH 9-2-10

(Decoration & Planting Regulations)

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ADOPTED BY THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF ALTAMONT

THIS 25TH DAY OF February, 2013

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Effingham, County, Illinois, this 25th day of February, 2013.

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**WHEREAS**, Chapter 9 of the Revised Code of Ordinances regulates Union Cemetery located within the Corporate limits of the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Altamont City Council has conducted two public hearings to inform the public and develop decoration and planting regulations at Union Cemetery; and,

**WHEREAS**, the intention of the City Council is beautify and maintain a pleasing appearance at Union Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that Chapter 9 of the Revised Code of Ordinances, should be amended to establish decoration and planting regulations at Union Cemetery.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTAMONT, EFFINGHAM COUNTY, ILLINOIS THAT:**

The following shall amend Chapter 9, Cemetery, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois to add Section 9-2-6 through 9-2-10 as follows:

**Section 9-2-6. Floral Arrangements and Decorations.**

Arrangements, including fresh cut flowers, in approved monument vases or saddles on monuments are permitted at any time.

One shepherd hook per grave marker is allowed at any time and must be placed with the stake within inches of the stone and the decoration hanging over the stone. Shepherd hooks not used within one year may be removed at the discretion of the City.

Ground decorations, potted plants and solar lights are not allowed March 15<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, except for honorary days listed below.

Ground decorations and potted plants are permitted five days before to five days after the following honorary days:

Easter  
Mother's Day  
Memorial Day  
Father's Day

Winter decorations shall be removed from the cemetery on or before March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Recent internment, shall be honored with a special provision allowing funeral designs and floral pieces until they become unsightly.

**Section 9-2-7. Trees, Shrubs and Other Plants.**

Planting of trees will be allowed when an empty grave space is purchased for such purpose or within the memorial tree locations designated by the City. Trees within an empty grave space shall be planted in the middle of the grave as directed by the City. A written request indicating the type of planting and location shall be submitted to the City for approval.

Tree plantings require experience and oftentimes special equipment. No person, firm, corporation, nursery or the personnel of the City shall be permitted to make nursery plantings in the cemetery without prior approval. Any nursery that refuses or fails to comply with the City's rules and regulations shall not be given the privilege to enter on the cemetery grounds for nursery purposes until violations are brought into compliance.

Private plantings of annuals or perennials are not permitted. Plantings are subject to removal by the City.

**Section 9-2-8. Approval of Placement of Permanent Objects.**

A written request much be submitted to the City for approval, to place anything of permanent nature, including floral receptacles, in Union Cemetery, except monuments and grave markers.

**Section 9-2-9. Judgment of Removal.**

The City shall have authority to remove all floral designs flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, plants, groundcover or objects of any kind from the cemetery as soon as, in the judgment of the City, they become unsightly (faded, discolored, weather damaged, dislodged, or not in season), dangerous, detrimental, or when it does not conform to the standards maintained.

The City reserves the right to regulate the method of decorating lots so that a uniform beauty may be maintained. The City reserves the right to prevent the placement of any flowers, floral designs, trees, shrubs, plants or objects of any kind unless it gives consent.

**Section 9-2-10. Disclaimer of Liability.**

The City shall not be responsible for lost, misplaced or broken flower vases. The City shall not be responsible for any wreath, spray, floral decorations, plants, herbage, plantings or objects of any kind damaged by the elements, thieves, vandals or by other causes beyond the City's control.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Presented, passed and approved this 25th day of February, 2013.

APPROVED:

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LARRY E. TAYLOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Sarah Stephen, City Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
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COUNTY OF EFFINGHAM        )

I, Sarah Stephen, City Clerk of the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Cemetery, Revised Code of Ordinances by Adding Section 9-2-6 through 9-2-10 (Decoration & Planting Regulations)", and numbered 530-13, which was passed by the Council of the City of Altamont on February 25, 2013 and approved by the Mayor on February 25, 2013.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of said City of Altamont, all on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D. 2013.

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City Clerk

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
                                      :        SS  
COUNTY OF EFFINGHAM    )

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Stephen, certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Municipal Clerk for the City of Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois.

I further certify that on February 25, 2013, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. 530-13 entitled "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Cemetery, Revised Code of Ordinances by Adding Section 9-2-6 through 9-2-10 (Decoration & Planting Regulations)", which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No.530-13, including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the municipal building, commencing on February 25, 2013, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at Altamont, Illinois, this 07th day of March, 2013.

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Sarah Stephen, Municipal Clerk

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