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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: City Council  
FROM: Shawna , Bob Gerold and Tim Jensen  
SUBJECT: **Oak Knoll Cemetery Amendment to rules**  
DATE: May 7, 2020

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City Staff understands that it is difficult to lose a loved one, and people grieve in many different ways. One of which is putting items on and decorating their loved one's gravesite. While there are many graves that include a lot of items, "Babyland" area of Oak Knoll gets very busy with toys, decorations and other items. These items sometimes blow to other parts of the cemetery and become unsightly from being outside.

This can sometimes create a hardship in the maintenance of the cemetery, and many times are against the current regulations set in the Oak Knoll's Rules and Regulations that was approved by the City Council in 1993, and most recently revised in November 2018.

Jenkins sent an email out to the Clerk / Administrators Listserv to see how others handle their cemeteries and various items that are left at gravesites. Unfortunately, only two cities responded. Greenwood Cemetery in Warren MN had some wording that staff liked, so we incorporated those into our current rules to make things clearer and easier to understand. Please review these recommendations and approve if you agree with these recommended changes.

Some examples,



