

THE TUMLINSON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF LEMING
ATASCOSA COUNTY, TEXAS
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PREAMBLE

We believe that a community should maintain a respectable looking cemetery, and that those of us who remain owe it to our beloved dead to care for their graves.

We believe that this can be accomplished through a united effort. This association originated at a meeting held at the First Baptist Church in Leming Texas at 2:00 PM on 11 February 1951. There we first united ourselves together and organized this association.

At a general meeting of the membership held at the Tumlinson Cemetery, at 10:30 AM on 13 September 1986, for the purpose of continuing this associated and united effort, we reorganized ourselves with a renewed unity, vigor and devotion.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 NAME:

The name of this association shall be :
“ The Tumlinson Cemetery Association of Leming, Texas. “

ARTICLE 2 OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

The objective and purpose of the association is to keep the Tumlinson Cemetery clean and attractive.

3 MEMBERSHIPS:

In order to join the Tumlinson Cemetery Association, an entrance membership fee of \$20.00 (twenty dollars) is required in addition to a membership application .

This \$20.00 (twenty dollar) membership fee is due annually on or before the 3rd Saturday in May .

In order to retain your current membership in good standing, dues need to be paid every year. Any money paid over the normal dues amount

is considered a volunteer donation and cannot be used as future dues payment.

All new members are on probation for the first 2 years of their membership . That means if they die during their probation they will be buried as a nonmember which is a fee of \$2000.00 (two thousand dollars).

In the event that a member stops paying a membership fee for two years in a row they will lose their membership .

Membership dues of \$20.00 (twenty dollars) covers the individual from the date of the membership application until the next 3rd Saturday in May and is due annually .

Membership dues are paid once a year and cover the individual for a full 365 days a year.

All children of members are also considered members and have all the same rights as their parents until their 21st birthday. At which time they must fill out a membership application form and begin to pay their own \$20.00 (twenty dollar) dues .

Since they were current members, in good standing, before 21 years of age, they will not have the restrictions of a 2 year probation, provided they become members on their 21st birthday.

Each member is entitled to a membership card signed by the secretary or president.

ARTICLE 4 MANAGEMENT :

The association shall have a board of six Trustees, two to be elected each year at the first annual general meeting, to serve for three years.

ARTICLE 5 OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES:

The Board of Trustees shall, immediately after new trustees have been elected at a general meeting, conduct an election among themselves and select from their number a president, vice-president, a secretary and a

treasurer. The result of this election shall be immediately announced to those present.

The President shall preside over meetings, call meetings of the Trustees at his or her discretion, conduct elections, appoint committees, and call for reports.

The Vice-President shall assist the President and shall preside in the event of an absence.

The Secretary shall keep minutes of each meeting, read same at the next meeting and take care of the correspondence, such as sending notices of meetings to the membership.

The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all receipts and expenditures of moneys and read the treasurer's report at each meeting. All payments are to be made by check, signed by two of the three authorized persons, consisting of the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

All officers and Trustees are entitled to vote on matters of policy or direction, but the President shall vote only in case of a tie.

The presence of 4 Trustees at a called meeting shall constitute a quorum.

All Trustees shall have full voting privileges at the general meeting.

By the majority vote of trustees exceptions to these policies may be incorporated when needed.

ARTICLE 6 MEETINGS:

The Board of Trustees shall meet as often as necessary to conduct the business of the association. The meeting may be called by the President, or by the authority of any three Trustees.

There shall be a clean up and general meeting held in conjunction with the workday on the 3rd Saturday in May of each year. An announcement of the place, date and time of the general meeting should be mailed or emailed to the membership , at their last known address, fifteen days prior of said meeting.

ARTICLE 7 VOTING:

Business at General Meetings will be conducted by those members present. Members constitute anyone 21 or older having paid their dues for the year.

ARTICLE 8 AMENDMENTS:

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of those members present at a general meeting.

ARTICLE 9 ADOPTION:

The articles of the constitution adopted 11 February 1951, are hereby accepted as amended by those members present at a general meeting held at 10:30 AM on Saturday 13 September 1986, as further amended at a general meeting held 11:10 AM Saturday, 14 May 1988 (annual meeting date changed to be the third Saturday of May) as further amended at general meeting held at 11:30 AM Saturday 15 May 1993 (membership dues changed from \$5 to \$10 .), at the Tumlinson Cemetery, Leming, Atascosa Co., Texas. Membership dues were changed again from \$10 to \$ 20 at the general membership meeting held 24 April 2004.

ARTICLE 10 SINGLE PLOTS

All paid up members have the right to a single plot for themselves and they may reserve that plot in their name. Their children are also included until their 21st birthday.

Never do you actually purchase a plot . You are simply reserving a plot for the members future interment . They cannot be purchased and resold or given to someone else in lieu of the actual member .

BI-LAWS

Upon unanimous adoption by the membership during a General meeting of the Association , held at the Tumlinson Cemetery, Leming, Texas, on the second Saturday of May, 1966, A.D., and as amended on September 13th, 1966, the following are adopted Bi-Laws to this, the Constitution of the of the Tumlinson Cemetery Association of Leming, Texas.

Bi-LAW NR. 1:

The Deed to the plot of land for this Cemetery is and shall remain in perpetuity to the Tumlinson Cemetery Association. This plot being a tract of land 201 feet by 500 feet as recorded in Volume 223, pages 151 and 152, records of the County Clerk at the Courthouse of Atascosa County Jourdanton, Texas.

BI-LAW NR. 2:

All graves must be at least five foot , six inches deep. After a reasonable setting of time all graves are to be kept level for ease of mowing, and all curbs and family boundary markers are to be kept even with the level of the ground and not to protrude above the top of the ground more than three-quarters of an inch.

BI-LAW NR. 3:

Prior to construction, or alterations, including digging of a new grave, other than headstones or foot stones for own immediate family members, one of the trustees must first be contacted. Trustees must be sure that any grave is in line with the other graves. This is necessary to ensure that our cemetery is neat and orderly arranged. Certain areas of our cemetery are set aside and reserved as drive-ways, parking areas and other areas reserved for specific purposes , as indicated on a diagram of the cemetery area. No grave or other construction shall be placed within any of these reserved areas. A map type chart showing these special reserved areas shall be prepared by the Board of Trustees or such committee as may be appointed by the President of the Association and posted on the Bulletin Board.

BI-LAW NR. 4:

Adopted 13 June 2015

Prior to digging a new grave, a headstone holding deposit fee of \$150.00 (one hundred fifty dollars) will be retained by the Tumlinson Cemetery Association to be held in escrow for the purchase of a headstone.

The family has a 2 year period after the burial to place their own headstone.

If after 2 years the grave is still unmarked with a headstone the Tumlinson Cemetery Association may use the funds to mark the grave.

If a headstone is placed at the grave by the family during the 2 year waiting period they may receive their deposit back .

