

**THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH**

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-01**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 WEST JORDAN CITY CODE (GRAVE DECORATIONS AT THE WEST JORDAN CEMETERY); Title 8, Chapter 14, Section 7**

WHEREAS, the City of West Jordan (“City”) adopted West Jordan City Code (“City Code”) in 2009; and the City Council of the City (“Council” or “City Council”) desires to amend Title 8, Chapter 14, Section 7 of the City Code (“**proposed City Code amendments**”); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City (“**Planning Commission**”) held a public hearing and provided a recommendation on December 3, 2024, regarding the proposed City Code amendment, which is a land use regulation, and determined the following, pursuant to City Code Section 13-7D-6B:

1. The proposed City Code amendment conforms to the General Plan and are consistent with the adopted goals, objectives and policies described therein;
2. The proposed City Code amendments are appropriate given the context of the request and there is sufficient justification for a modification to the land use section;
3. The proposed City Code amendment will not create a conflict with any other section or part of the land use titles or the General Plan; and
4. The proposed City Code amendment does not relieve a particular hardship, nor does it confer any special privilege to a single property owner or cause, and it is only necessary to make a modification to the land use section in light of corrections or changes in public policy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on January 28, 2025, regarding the proposed City Code amendment, and finds it to be in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City to adopt the proposed City Code amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Amendment of City Code Provision.** City Code Title 8, Chapter 14, Section 7 is amended as shown in Attachment A (Legislative Version) and B (Clean Version) to this Ordinance.

**Section 2. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon posting or publication as provided by law and upon (i) the Mayor signing the Ordinance, (ii) the City Council duly overriding the veto of the Mayor as provided by law, or (iii) the Mayor failing to sign or veto the Ordinance within fifteen (15) days after the City Council presents the Ordinance to the Mayor.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH, THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025.



CITY OF WEST JORDAN

By: [Chad Lamb \(Jan 31, 2025 09:40 MST\)](#)

Chad Lamb  
Council Chair

*[See Attest on next page.]*

ATTEST:

Cindy M. Quick, MMC  
Council Office Clerk

**Voting by the City Council**

**"YES"**      **"NO"**

Council Chair Chad Lamb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Vice-Chair Kayleen Whitelock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Bob Bedore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Council Member Zach Jacob	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Kent Shelton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 31, 2025.**

Mayor's Action:   X   Approve      \_\_\_\_\_ Veto

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Dirk Burton

Jan 31, 2025  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ATTEST:



Tangee Sloan, CMC  
City Recorder

**STATEMENT OF APPROVAL/PASSAGE (check one)**

  X   The Mayor approved and signed Ordinance No. 25-01.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Mayor vetoed Ordinance No. 25-01 on \_\_\_\_\_ and the City Council timely overrode the veto of the Mayor by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance No. 25-01 became effective by operation of law without the Mayor's approval or disapproval.

Tangee Sloan, CMC  
City Recorder

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**

I, Tangee Sloan, certify that I am the City Recorder of the City of West Jordan, Utah, and that a short summary of the foregoing ordinance was published on the Utah Public Notice Website on the 4th day of February 2025. The fully executed copy of the ordinance is retained in the Office of the City Recorder pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, 10-3-711.



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Tangee Sloan, CMC  
City Recorder

*(Attachments on the following pages.)*

**Attachment A and B to  
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**Attachment A – Legislative Version**

**Attachment B - Clean Version**

*(See the following pages for the attachments.)*

1 8-14-7: GRAVE DECORATIONS:

2 Regulations for grave decorations are necessary for the safety of the public and city employees. The  
3 cemetery sexton, or other designee, shall adopt policies to address the type of decorations which may  
4 be left at the cemetery, the dimensions of said decorations, and the timing during which the decorations  
5 may be left. The adopted policy shall be posted at the cemetery. The adopted policy shall allow for  
6 holiday decorations to be set up three days prior to a holiday recognized by policy and left up for a  
7 minimum of seven days after such holiday. To properly maintain the cemetery and provide public safety  
8 to the city employees and cemetery visitors, the City sets forth the following grave decoration  
9 regulations:

10 ~~—A.— Approved Types: Living flowers, artificial flowers (including floral pieces), and flags are the only~~  
11 ~~approved grave decorations permitted within the cemetery. Glass, including vases, and other containers~~  
12 ~~are strictly prohibited and will be removed and disposed of if found. Fencing, dividers, railings, coping,~~  
13 ~~hedges, trees, shrubs, embossing or depression, or any other markers to delineate the plot or block's~~  
14 ~~corners or boundaries are not permitted, unless approved by the city administrator or designee.~~

15 ~~—B.— Dimensions: Grave decorations shall not exceed eighteen inches (18") in height or extend beyond~~  
16 ~~the mandatory six inch (6") mow strip around the headstone.~~

17 ~~—C.— Timing: Subject to the exception herein, artificial flowers may be used only during November~~  
18 ~~through March. Notwithstanding these approved months, artificial flowers may be used within the~~  
19 ~~cemetery on any state recognized holiday but only if placed within the container or receptacle provided~~  
20 ~~in the grave marker. Grave decorations will be removed (i) on the next scheduled Tuesday if there is no~~  
21 ~~state recognized holiday within the previous week or week after the placement of the grave~~  
22 ~~decorations, (ii) on the second Tuesday following a state recognized holiday, or (iii) when live flowers~~  
23 ~~appear dead or floral pieces are past their useful life or otherwise appear unsightly, as determined in the~~  
24 ~~sole discretion of the cemetery sexton or assigned designee. (Ord. 17-30, 6-14-2017; amd. Ord. 19-48,~~  
25 ~~12-11-2019, Effective at 12 noon on January 6, 2020; Ord. 22-30, 12-7-2022)~~

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