

Variances from the rules and regulations governing the Missoula City Cemetery as outlined in [Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 12.44](#) shall be considered on a case by case basis.

The intent of the Missoula City Cemetery is to adhere to cemetery ordinance, yet in certain situations a variance or deviation may be warranted due to special or extenuating circumstances.

- **Variances may require additional time to complete.**
- **Variances need to meet cemetery mow strip requirements.**
- **Variances need to be submitted before monument is sold.**
- **Variances may require additional written authorization from grave owner or legal representative.**

Factors for determining whether or not to allow a variance/deviation shall be based on the following criteria:

- Does the request stay within the intent of the cemetery ordinance?
- Does the request significantly alter the overall atmosphere, character, or aesthetics of the cemetery or the block in which the variance/deviation is requested?
- Does the request interfere or adversely affect maintenance of the individual grave or block as a whole? (Mowing, weed eating, spraying and burials are a few examples.)
- Does the request interfere with the ability to accomplish the type of burial intended for that location?



MISSOULA CITY CEMETERY APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

12.44.170 C. Variances. All variance requests must be submitted to the Missoula City Cemetery for approval. Variances must be in writing and include a drawing that shows the design of the monument, the monument layout on the foundation, and include all measurements for the monument and foundation.

Family Contact

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ Email _____
Phone Number _____ Relationship to Deceased _____

Business Contact

Name _____ Phone Number _____
Contact Name _____

Monument Information

Name(s) on Monument _____
Location: Grave _____ Lot _____ Block _____

Provide detailed information as to the variance being requested

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Attachments: **Drawing** **Additional comments**

For Cemetery Use Below Line

Accepted Declined Initials _____ Date _____

Comments

Processed by _____

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