

ABANDONED CEMETERIES AND BURIAL GROUNDS

It is the desire of Rockdale County to protect and preserve each human grave found or known to exist within the boundaries of Rockdale County. Whenever a cemetery is found or known to exist and identified by any appropriate means, it will be requirement of Rockdale County that the perimeters of the cemetery are identified on the official maps maintained in the Public Services Department.

Rockdale County recognizes that O.C.G.A. 36-72-1 et. seq., applies only to disturbance within the cemetery's perimeter. Therefore, a permit would be required only when development or change in use is to occur within the area delineated by the cemetery or burial ground itself. All applicants seeking grading or building permits on parcels upon which suspected abandoned cemeteries or burial grounds exist will be informed of the state law requirements by the Public Services Department. The burden is on the owner or occupier of the land to comply with this state law. The owner or occupier could choose to investigate the site to determine whether burials in fact exist, could apply for a permit from the county, or could choose to disturb only ground outside the burial area. If the latter alternative is chosen, an appropriate buffer will be required as determined by the Public Services Department, to ensure the area is preserved and protected.

Approved:

2-28-98
Date

Attest:

Jean Hornbuck
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