

WILLIAM P. JOHNSTON CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Adopted by the Young County Commissioners Court

1. Historic Significance and Ownership

The William P. Johnston Cemetery is recognized as a historic Black cemetery and holds significant cultural and historical value. The cemetery is owned and maintained by Young County, Texas.

2. Cemetery Closure

The William P. Johnston Cemetery is officially closed per the order of the Commissioners Court. No new burials may be made under any circumstances. The cemetery shall remain preserved as a historical site.

3. Preservation and Modifications

No markers, headstones, decorations, signage, structures, fencing, trees, landscaping, or any other objects may be added, inserted, affixed, or otherwise modified within the cemetery without the explicit approval of the Young County Commissioners Court. Unauthorized alterations will be subject to removal at the discretion of the county. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to refuse to permit the construction of any stonework or other items.

Upon deterioration of flowers, funeral designs, wreaths, emblems, and other decorative elements, they will be removed without any responsibility for their maintenance being assumed. Decorating graves with vases, bottles, shells, rocks, bricks, jars, cans, images, and objects of similar description will not be permitted and will be removed promptly.

4. William P. Johnston Cemetery Preservation Committee

To ensure the preservation and respectful maintenance of the cemetery, the Young County Commissioners Court shall establish the William P. Johnston Cemetery Preservation Committee. This committee shall be appointed by the Commissioners Court and be responsible for identifying preservation concerns, making recommendations, and proposing projects to the Commissioners Court for consideration. All members of the committee shall be residents of Young County. The committee shall have no independent authority to make alterations or changes but shall serve as an advisory body to the Commissioners Court.

5. Respect and Prohibited Language

The William P. Johnston Cemetery shall be treated with the utmost respect. Absolutely no racist, offensive, or derogatory terms or phrases shall be used in any form concerning the cemetery, whether in writing, speech, signage, or any other medium. Any violation of this provision may result in legal action and permanent prohibition from the site.

6. Enforcement and Compliance

Young County reserves the right to enforce these regulations to preserve the dignity and historical integrity of the William P. Johnston Cemetery. Any violations of these rules may be addressed through appropriate legal and administrative measures.

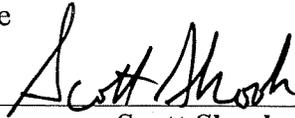
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2025, by the Young County
Commissioners Court.



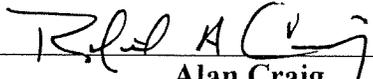
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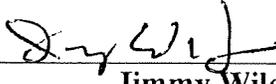
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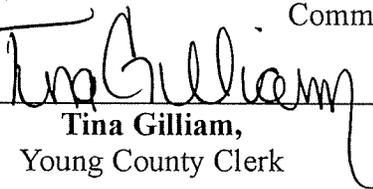


Alan Craig,
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Commissioner, Precinct Four

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Tina Gilliam,
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