

## Cemetery Rules and Regulations

### 6.4 – Decoration of Burial Lots, General Information

No tree, shrub or flowers shall be planted or pruned in or removed from cemetery without the consent of the Cemetery Supervisor. The supervisor may plant, prune, remove or transplant any tree, shrub or plant in a cemetery or at any burial space or lot whenever it is necessary to do so in order to economically maintain and care for burial spaces or lots to prevent the impairment of or interference with the use of other burial spaces or lots or to promote, preserve or improve the appearance and dignity of the cemetery.

Under no circumstances may glass vases be placed on the grounds.

Artificial or fresh cut flowers may be placed in an invertible metal vase at any time; however, they will be discarded when dead, faded, broken or of a similar nature.

Sprays and wreaths made from fresh cut flowers are allowed, but they will be removed within two weeks or sooner if they become unsightly or detrimental to maintenance in the Cemetery Supervisor's opinion.

Christmas blankets and wreaths are allowed from December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>. But will be removed when they become unsightly.

Potted plants are allowed at any time but they will be removed within two weeks or sooner if they become unsightly or detrimental to the maintenance in the Cemetery Supervisor's opinion.

Metal vases that are part of a marker must be inverted by the owner when not in use. The town shall not be liable for any damage done to these vases.

Saddle type artificial arrangements are permitted on the top of monuments only. They will be removed when they become worn and unsightly at the discretion of the Cemetery Supervisor.

The Cemetery Supervisor shall order the removal of all artificial sprays and wreaths when they become unsightly or are blown off the burial spaces.

The placing of boxes, shells, stones, boulders, toys, metal designs ornaments, chairs, settees, glass, urns, fences, wood or metal cases, temporary grave markers and similar articles upon lots or burial spaces shall not be permitted.

The town shall not be held liable for lost, misplaced or broken flower vases or for damage caused by the elements, thieves, vandals or by causes beyond its control. The town

reserves the right to regulate the method of decorating lots and the right to regulate decoration so that a uniform beauty may be maintained.

#### 6.4.1 – Flowers

All persons are prohibited from gathering flowers, either wild or cultivated, or breaking trees, shrubs or plants, or feeding or disturbing birds or other animal life within the cemeteries.

#### 6.4.1 – Floral Designs

After an interment, funeral designs and floral pieces will be removed by the cemetery from the grave after five business days. Persons wishing to retain such flowers must remove them from the grave site within 72 hours after the interment.

#### 6.4.3 – Removal of Flowers, March 1 -15 and October 1 -15

The cemetery will conduct two flower removals per year on the first of March and October. At that time all artificial and live flowers, potted plants, wreaths, baskets will be removed. They will not be allowed back in the cemetery until the 16<sup>th</sup> of the respective month. Saddle type arrangements attached to the top of the monument are exempt from this procedure, but will be removed when considered unsightly.

#### 6.4.4 – Floral limits

There shall be permitted no more than two wreaths, decorations or arrangements per grave space except on Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Any floral arrangements in excess of two per grave space for the aforementioned holidays shall be removed by sundown on the 10<sup>th</sup> day following such holidays by the owner or cemetery personnel will remove them.

#### 6.4.5 – Floral Materials

Baskets, glass, crockery, wire and metal are not permitted in the cemetery and will be promptly removed when found. Floral Easels are exempt from this.

#### 6.6 – Lounging on Grounds

No person shall be permitted to sit or lounge on any of the grounds, graves or monuments within the cemeteries or in any of the cemetery buildings except in connection with a visit to a particular space or lot or persons attending a special event sanctioned by the cemetery.

## 6.8 – Rubbish

Throwing rubbish on any part of the grounds or building except into designated receptacles is prohibited.

## 6.9 – Automobiles

Automobiles shall not be driven through the cemetery at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour. Automobiles are not allowed to park or come to a complete stop in front of an open grave unless the occupants of said vehicle are in attendance at a funeral.

## 6.14 – Notices or Advertisements

No signs, notices or advertisements of any kind shall be permitted within the cemetery grounds.

## 6.15 – Animals

No dogs, horses or any other animal shall be allowed in the cemeteries or in any of the cemetery buildings with the exception of animals aiding the handicapped. The town shall not be liable for any damage done by animals and does not assume the responsibility for keeping animals out of the cemeteries. The owner or keeper of any animal which trespasses upon the cemetery grounds shall be liable for any damage done by said animal.