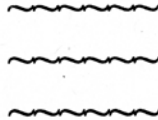


Rules and Regulations



**The Hillside Cemetery
Association of Torrington
Incorporated**

Revised 2002

RULES AND REGULATIONS

THE HILLSIDE CEMETERY
ASSOCIATION OF TORRINGTON
INCORPORATED

GENERAL RULES

1. The Gates will be opened daily from 8:00 A.M. until sunset.
2. Visitors must drive vehicles moderately and carefully at all times and refrain from driving over or parking on the lawns.
3. No unlicensed operator of a motor vehicle will be permitted to operate in the Cemetery.
4. Dogs must be kept on a leash and restrained by the owner at all times and are not allowed on grass areas. Owners are responsible for any damage or mess incurred. Any deviation from this rule will prohibit the owner from this privilege.
5. The soliciting for sale of any commodity within the Cemetery will be prohibited.
6. No markers of metal or other material or flags are allowed except for those which designate the graves as war veterans. One American flag, no larger than 11 x 16 inches is permitted and must be of cloth material only. The Cemetery will remove those flags which become faded or tattered.
7. It is requested that lot owners, wherever possible, designate who shall be interred in their lots and the location of each interment so that the Cemetery Association may have a record of the same on file in the Cemetery office.
8. No transfer of any lot will be permitted except by reconveyance to the Cemetery Association.
9. No lot shall be used for any other purpose than as a burial place for the human dead.

10. Since our trees are one of our greatest sources of beauty, they may only be removed with the consent of the Association and by its employees.
11. The Cemetery Association reserves the right to remove any obstacle that may hinder the efforts of the employees in the opening of graves or the proper maintenance of the Cemetery.
12. No coping, hedge or any other type of enclosure will be permitted on any lot in the Cemetery.
13. All landscape work of every type whatever, including, but not limited to, grading, care of lots and the planting, trimming, cutting or removal of trees and shrubs, shall be done by the Cemetery Association or under its supervision. The planting of new shrubbery will not be permitted on any lot. Existing shrubbery which becomes overgrown or unsightly will be removed by the Cemetery.
14. While the Cemetery Association will exercise reasonable care in protecting memorials, decorations, containers, shrubs, etc., it disclaims responsibility for any injury or damage thereto.

OWNERSHIP OF LOT

1. The owner of any lot may designate in writing, filed with the secretary of the Association, the persons who shall be interred in the lot and may direct that upon the interment of said persons the lot shall be closed to further interments.
2. Upon the death of an owner or co-owner of a lot, his interest therein shall descend to his heirs-at-law if he dies intestate, unless said will has a specific provision governing the devolution of his interest in such lot.
3. In the absence of any direction by the owner or owners of as to who shall be interred in a particular lot, the owner and the spouse of the owner shall have the first right of interment in such lot, and thereafter the lineal ascendants and descendants of the lot owner

and their spouses shall have the right to be interred in such lot in order of their deaths until such lot is full, reserving always, however, space for the spouse of the lot owner and the lot owner if they are living.

4. Any designation by a lot owner may be changed with the consent of the lot owner, or in the event of his decease, with the consent of all of the then living co-owners of the lot ascertained in accordance with Section 2 hereof and all of the designees which may have been provided for in accordance with Section 1 hereof who have legal capacity to act and whose whereabouts are known.
5. In making any determination with respect to the ownership of any lot, the existence of the spouse of any lot owner, or the whereabouts or capacity of any lot owner, the Association is entitled to rely on information furnished it by affidavit or otherwise by any person believed by it to have knowledge of the relevant facts. Any determination made by the Association in good faith with reliance upon facts furnished it by others shall relieve the Association of any and all liability to any person or persons claiming to have an interest in any lot.

INTERMENTS AND DISINTERMENTS

1. Application for burial must be made at least 8 working hours before the time of interment, but under no circumstances do we guarantee that the grave will be ready although effort will be made to do so.
2. The bodies of two or more persons shall not be placed in the same burial space except that of one body and one cremated remains. Not more than two cremated remains shall be placed in the same grave. Scattering of cremated remains is prohibited on Cemetery property.
3. All interments and reinterments shall be in concrete burial vaults or other type of permanent outside case acceptable to the Cemetery Association.

4. Persons desiring to arrange for disinterments must have written authority from the owner of the lot from which the removal is to be made and from the next of kin of the deceased. All disinterments will be done at the convenience of the Cemetery. The Superintendent shall also consider the ground and weather conditions before any decision will be made. The funeral director is responsible for vault, casket and remains.
5. The price of interment and disinterment services will be charged for according to the schedule of service charges on file in the Cemetery office. All charges including price of lot must be paid for before interment is completed. No additional burials shall be made in any lot while the purchase price, or any portion thereof, remains unpaid.
6. If an exception is made and an interment is permitted before such charges are paid, the Cemetery retains the right of ownership of the lot, and in case the party purchasing the same fails to pay the full amount due, the Cemetery may, after waiting a reasonable time, remove the bodies interred thereon to another suitable place in the Cemetery or to the portion set aside for single graves, and such assignment or place of interment shall be in full for any part of the lot purchased, the same having been forfeited by reason of failing to complete such payments. The Cemetery shall also have the option of allowing the interment to remain and of canceling the remainder of the spaces in the lot as liquidated damages.
7. All interments and/or disinterments shall be under the supervision of the Cemetery while within its grounds.
8. All graves will be level with the surrounding grade.
9. There will be no burials made on Sundays and certain specified holidays.
10. The Cemetery will use reasonable care in making all removals, but will not be liable for any damage to a burial case or casket.

FLORAL DECORATIONS

1. All floral decorations must be in flower boxes, flower pots or tubs (containers), and are limited to one container per grave.
2. Flower boxes are not to exceed 18" in length per grave, or 24" in length to cover two or more graves, and not to exceed 8" in height and width. Flower pots or tubs shall not be less than 6", or more than 10" in diameter and height. On monument lots only, a box not to exceed 3 feet in length and 10" in width and height is allowed if only one box is used for the entire lot and placed directly in front of the monument. Alternatively, a single flowerpot or tub not exceeding 12" in width, in diameter and height is allowed. On monument lots with flush markers only a single container is allowed.
3. Not permitted are concrete containers, urns, glass articles, signs, balloons, banners, frames, standards, easels, grave blankets, shrubs and statuary of any sort, and wire, stakes, or any other means of securing decorations to the ground.
4. The Cemetery also reserves the right to restrict the placing and type of container and to remove any which do not conform to the Cemetery's standards of beauty and safety.
5. Turf shall not be removed or damaged in any way when placing decorations on the lot. Placing of bricks or any other objects under containers is prohibited.
6. Lettering of names on containers shall not exceed a height of 1 inch.
7. Artificial flowers, evergreen arrangements, and wreaths (winter decorations) are permitted only between Thanksgiving Day and March 1, except that in years when Easter falls before April 15, artificial flowers are allowed for Easter, and shall be removed one week after Easter. All winter decorations must be in containers and may not exceed 2 feet in height, except that a wreath may be secured directly to a monument.

8. All decorations and containers must be removed by October 25 to facilitate leaf removal, and may be replaced on Thanksgiving Day, or sooner, in the discretion of the superintendent, if leaf removal is completed sooner. All winter decorations and containers must be removed by March 1, or later in the discretion of the superintendent, if weather conditions are not favorable for spring clean-up. Decorations and containers not removed by the required date may be removed by the Cemetery and disposed of. Any container that is unplanted or unsightly may be removed at any time, and stored, if in good condition, for a reasonable time, and if not called for will be disposed of.

MEMORIALS

1. All foundations for memorials shall be constructed by Cemetery employees only. Rates are available at the Cemetery office.
2. No monument, marker or other memorial shall be installed in the Cemetery until a foundation application form signed by the lot owner and the contractor has been submitted to the Cemetery office to be considered for approval. All applications must show a sketch of the proposed memorial showing all measurements and design. Specifications and drawings of all proposed monuments, together with all inscriptions thereon front and back must accompany the application. No applications will be accepted for installation for Memorial Day after May 1st. Prepaid foundation charges will not be accepted.
3. The sizes and types of memorials allowed to be installed in the Cemetery vary according to the section. Information on this can be obtained at the Cemetery office. Where monuments are permitted only one monument will be allowed on a lot and shall be erected on a location designated by the

Association. Rock finish only will be permitted on all monument bases. Only one marker will be permitted per grave space. Markers on all lots shall either match existing on the lot or shall be flush with the grade. All flush markers must be 4" thick with sawed sides and bottom. All veterans markers shall be placed flush with the grade. In the case where a polished marker is chosen, the Cemetery will not assume any responsibility for damage caused from lawn maintenance equipment. No copings or corner posts are permitted.

4. Markers of a temporary nature not requiring a foundation will be permitted for only thirty (30) days following the interment.
5. Duplication of the design of any monument shall not be permitted in a location noticeably in proximity to the original. Urns are allowed only when they are an integral part of the die.
6. Pictures or any other material attached to a memorial in any way will not be permitted. Artificial coloring of any type is prohibited. All lettering must be in English.
7. All memorials shall be of first quality granite only. Bronze or marble shall not be displayed in any manner. Free standing designs, figures or statues which are extremely susceptible to vandalism and weathering will not be allowed. Vertical joints are only allowed when an appropriate endowment is designated by the Board of Trustees for it's future repair.
8. The Association reserves the right to approve only such memorials as are of suitable design, inscription and size which will be determined by a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees for the purpose. No monument or marker shall be erected on any lot until final payment has been made on such lot and foundation charges have been paid.

9. Specifications must be submitted for any proposed inscriptions or changes on any monument already in place. An exception will be made for matching last dates only.
10. In no case will the Cemetery or any of its' Officers, Directors or employees be responsible for any willful or accidental damage or loss of any memorial. Should any memorial become unsightly or a menace to visitors or employees, the Cemetery will, at the expense of the lot owner, either correct the condition or remove the memorial.
11. No person will be permitted to remove any monument or marker from the Cemetery without the consent of the lot owner. If it appears necessary that a monument or marker be removed temporarily, it will only be done by cemetery employees, with the approval of the Superintendent.
12. The setting, inscribing, cleaning or any memorial work of any kind will not be permitted on Saturday afternoon, Sunday, or holidays. Days when memorial work is allowed, work must be completed by 4:00 p.m. All setting is subject to the approval of the Superintendent.
13. Damage to turf, trees, shrubs or memorials caused by an contractor shall be assessed and the monument dealer will be billed accordingly.
14. Contractors or their employees failing to comply with the rules of the Cemetery or direction of the Superintendent may be prohibited from working on the grounds.

CORRECTION OF ERRORS

1. The Cemetery reserves the right to correct, without liability, any errors which may be inadvertently made by it either in making interments or disinterments, in placing stones, or in the description, transfer or conveyance of deeds or burial rights, and to substitute and convey in lieu thereof other property of similar nature and location insofar as possible, or in the sole discretion of the Cemetery, to refund the amount of money paid on account of said purchase. When such error is in respect to the interment of the remains of a deceased in such property, the Cemetery reserves the right to remove and/or transfer such remains to other property of similar nature and location.

AMENDMENTS & SUSPENSIONS

1. The Trustees reserve the right to amend, modify or suspend any existing rules or regulations or to adopt new ones as the need arises.