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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THORNTON CEMETERIES THORNTON, NH

The following rules and regulations relative to the Thornton cemeteries have been revised and adopted by the Trustees in November 12, 2015, with a desire to enhance the beauty of the cemeteries and to better protect visitors to the cemeteries as well as the property within the cemeteries.

GENERAL REGULATIONS:

1. Cemetery hours: The cemeteries will be open to visitors at all reasonable hour during the spring, summer and fall months. Ordinarily the cemeteries will be closed during the winter months. However, the Superintendent is authorized to open the cemeteries during the winter at such times and for such purpose as he may determine. Furthermore, the Superintendent is authorized to close any of the cemeteries at any time he believes such closing is necessary or desirable.
2. Vehicles: Passenger cars and trucks, duly registered, may be operated over the roadways of the cemeteries by visitors or business invitees, duly licensed to operate such vehicles, provided that such vehicles are operated in a safe and careful manner and at a rate of speed consistent with the traffic within the cemetery, but not in excess of five (5) miles per hour. The right to operate any other vehicle is forbidden unless special written permission is received from the Superintendent to do so, and such permission shall be limited to specific occasions.
3. Firearms: The use, or possession of, firearms within the cemeteries is prohibited. The Superintendent, however, is authorized to give special permission to named individuals to possess or use firearms relative to military funeral or Memorial Day exercises.
4. Children: A child, or children, within the cemetery grounds must be accompanied by an adult responsible for the behavior of such child or children.
5. Animals: Any animals brought in to the cemeteries must be leashed.
6. Landscaping and Decorations: (Flowers, plants and shrubs)
 - a) For Memorial Day living flowers and plants are encouraged. They should be placed as close as possible to the stone, cared for throughout the summer and removed after the first frost. Artificial flowers may be placed on lots one week before May 30 and should be removed by June 15.
 - b) No glass jars or breakable flower containers should be placed on lots.
 - c) If permanent plantings are desired on a lot, selection and location should be made with consideration to maintenance. If plantings block a walkway or adjacent lot or interfere with lawn care, they will be removed.
 - d) The Superintendent is authorized to remove all flowers and plants when they become unsightly.
 - e) The placing of items on lots other than floral arrangements, plants, wreaths, urns or flags is not permitted. Unauthorized items will be removed by the Superintendent.
 - f) Erection and/or maintenance of fencing or other enclosures around a lot, or any part thereof are prohibited. All lots shall be covered with suitable grass.
7. Damaged Property: The Trustees, Superintendent, or their agents shall not be held responsible for damage to any lot, marker, monument, post or curbing nor the planting on any lot; neither shall they be held responsible for any urns, containers or other articles placed upon a lot in the cemeteries. The Trustees, Superintendent, or their agents will use reasonable care to avoid damage to any lot or appurtenances thereof, however, they shall not be held responsible for damage caused by snowplows or workmen during such periods when snow is on the ground.

(NOTE): The laws of the State of New Hampshire, (R.S.A. Ch..635) provide penalties for wrongfully destroying, injuring, defacing, or removing any tomb, monument, stone or other structure, including trees, shrubs, or plants; penalties are also provided if such acts include a fence, railing or curbing, other penalties are provided for the wrongful removal of a flag, decorations from a grave as well as any act tending to desecrate a grave.

MONUMENTS AND MARKERS:

1. Monuments shall be constructed only of marble, granite, natural stone or bronze. Monuments or other authorized memorials shall be set upon a concrete foundation. Foundations will be installed under the direction of the Superintendent. Each lot may have one monument of a height of forty (40) inches or less, and the base of the monument no longer than one half the width of that lot. No rock, boulder or statue may be erected upon a lot unless prior written permission is received from the Superintendent and the Trustees.
2. Markers: All grave markers must be set at grass level, excepting that existing markers may be replaced by duplicates, provided the replacements are set on a cement foundation. Grass level markers may be set without a foundation.
Corner markers/stones are required within six (6) months of purchase and must be kept flush with ground.
Cremains Lots markers shall be 24" x 16", no more than four (4) per lot.

MAINTENANCE:

1. Lot care: The perpetual care of lots include the mowing and trimming of grass, removing old flowers, fallen leaves, tree branches or other debris. It does not include special care of monuments, watering or fertilizing the grass, nor the planting of plants, shrubbery or trees.
2. Lot grade: All lots reseeded or remade will be at such grade level as the Superintendent may determine. The grade will be level with no grave mounds permitted.
3. Workmen: All workmen performing work within the cemeteries shall be subject to the direct supervision of the Superintendent.

PURCHASE OF RIGHTS TO INTER:

1. Rights to Inter in designated cemetery lots may be purchased from the Trustees in accordance with a price schedule adopted by them. A Certificate of Right to Inter will be delivered after the corner markers are set, either basic corner markers or granite markers. Rights to Inter are sold with perpetual care and basic corner markers, which are included in the purchase price of the lot. Granite markers will be an additional cost. (see attached price list)
2. Residents or property owners of at least five (5) years are eligible to purchase a Right to Inter. Relatives of property owners or residents may purchase such Right at a time of need with the approval of the Trustees. Generally, purchases shall be limited to one four (4) grave lot per owner. However, the Trustees may approve additional purchases in case of demonstrated need.
3. Transfer of ownership: Rights to Inter owners may sell or transfer their interest in those Rights only by endorsing the back of the Right to Inter certificate and returning the certificate to the Trustees. The Trustees shall record the change in ownership in the cemetery records and properly issue a new certificate. The cemetery records shall be the official record of ownership of cemetery

Rights to Inter. Existing lots sizes shall not be affected by any transfer of ownership. Any division of Rights to Inter in multiple grave lots shall require the surrender of the existing certificate(s) and the issuance of appropriate new certificate(s) by the Trustees. Conveyance of the Right to Inter back to the town cannot be redeemed for more than original amount paid.

INTERMENTS:

1. Opening graves: Graves shall be opened only under the direction of the Superintendent at a charge fixed by the Trustees. Extra charges have been set for graves opened during the winter months, or for graves opened for burials to be held on a Sunday or legal Holiday.
2. Interment: Bodies of deceased humans only may be buried in the Thornton cemeteries. Such bodies, including cremated remains, shall be buried in a concrete, bronze or other suitable metal container, which shall have been manufactured for the burial of a deceased person.
3. Disinterment: The disinterment and/or removal of a body will be permitted only after written permission has been filed with the Superintendent, by the lot owner and the surviving spouse, if there is no surviving spouse the duly appointed executor, administrator, if any, and if not then by the next of kin, and in full compliance with all laws governing the disinterment and/or removal of a body. This rule shall not apply where a lawful order is given to the Superintendent by a duly authorized public official.

CHANGE OF RULES:

The Trustees have the right and the duty to change these rules whenever a change is deemed necessary or advisable. Any items not covered by these rules and regulations shall require Trustees approval prior to being accomplished by any lot owner. Should any of these rules and regulations be in conflict with the existing or future State statutes, the latter shall prevail.

A copy of these rules and regulations and any changes that may be made shall be available in the Thornton Town Offices.

A schedule of cemetery prices currently in effect is attached.

Adopted November 12, 2015
Cemetery Trustees
Thornton, NH

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PRICE SCHEDULE FOR THORNTON CEMETERIES

Effective November 12, 2015, prices for the purchase of Rights to Inter at the Pine Grove Cemetery and Mad River Cemetery are as follows:

Cremation Lot	5' x 5'	\$150.00
Single Grave Lot	4' x 12'	\$250.00
Two Grave Lot	8' x 12'	\$400.00
Three Grave Lot	12' x 12'	\$550.00
Four Grave Lot	12' x 20'	\$750.00

All prices include perpetual care and placement of basic corner markers. (PVC pipe with iron rod and cement) Granite markers may be purchased at an additional cost to you.

Other services may be priced at the discretion of the Superintendent. (such as the re-establishment of boundaries of lots)

Foundations for the monuments are arranged through the monument company and must be approved by the Superintendent of Cemeteries.

Effective November 12, 2015, prices for grave opening are as follows:

Cremation or Infant	\$250.00
Regular Full Burial May 1 to November 1	\$500.00
November 1 to April 30 depending on weather conditions and depth of frost.	\$750.00