

THE EXETER CEMETERY

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The Rules set forth below are intended to make the cemetery a safer place to work or visit, to add to the beauty of the cemetery and to keep the cost of our nonprofit services as low as possible for the protection of your investment.

1. *Purchase of lots*

a. Persons desiring to purchase a burial lot should apply to the superintendent of the cemetery, who will give all needed information as to size, location, price, etc. Reservation of lot will be made only on a deposit satisfactory to the superintendent.

b. All deeds to lots sold will be recorded with the cemetery.

c. Before resale of any lot, the owners of record must notify the cemetery in writing by informing the superintendent of the intended sale, and the cemetery shall have the right for thirty days following such notice to repurchase said lot at 50% of the original price received by the cemetery. If the cemetery does not exercise the right to repurchase, the lot owner may transfer the lot to a third party but the transfer shall only be valid upon delivery to the superintendent of a copy of the deed of transfer, signed by the lot owner and acknowledged in front of a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace.

d. In the event a deed is lost or the record owner cannot be found, it shall be the duty of anyone claiming the lot to provide the proper affidavits and other documents to prove ownership.

e. The Exeter Cemetery was created for the benefit of the residents of Exeter (past or present). Others may purchase a lot only in the event said person is able to show close family ties with residents of Exeter who currently own lots or whose family has been generally buried in the cemetery.

2. *Payments for lots*

Payments may be made as follows, one quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of purchase price at the time of purchase, and the balance in three month, but no deed shall be given until the final payment. Perpetual care must be purchased for each lot.

3. *One burial in lot*

a. Only one body may be buried in each lot until the price paid in full and deed is taken, and this is subject to immediate removal by order of the trustees upon failure to comply with the conditions of sale; and said lot shall be forfeited with all moneys that have been paid thereon, and returned to the possession of the cemetery, and the trustees may cause the body that has been interred thereon to be removed to such portion of the cemetery as may be selected by them.

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b. Only one body may be buried in each lot unless the lot has perpetual care in which event the lot owner of record shall have the right to bury two (2) cremains or one (1) body and one (1) cremain in each grave. Double depth at the discretion of the superintendent.

4. *Interments*

a. No lot shall be opened for interment or for removal except by the cemetery, and the cost of such opening shall be paid for in advance.

b. Burials of bodies shall be made in a suitable cement vault - no liners. Cremains shall be in a suitable metal or granite containers.

5. *Monuments and stones*

a. Monuments and markers are not allowed until the lot is paid for in full. To avoid incongruity, monuments, stones and other markers shall be in keeping with those already in that section of the cemetery. Though it is not required, it may be helpful, before placing the order for such stonework, to consult the superintendent. Single graves - flat marker only. Two or more graves - one upright monument allowed.

b. Removal or installation of monuments or markers shall be at the discretion of the superintendent or board of trustees.

6. *Foundations*

No monument may be erected unless erected on a foundation built of solid masonry, from two to six feet deep, as the superintendent shall direct.

7. *Grade of lot*

No lot owner or other person shall grade any lot or cause the same to be graded in any manner other than that established by the superintendent.

8. *Hedges, curbing, etc.*

a. No hedges or curbing are permitted on any lot

b. no wooden tablets or other wooden devises are permitted on any lot.

c. Trees and shrubs may not be planted.

d. Chairs or settees on a lot are not permitted.

e. Shepherd rods are not allowed.

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9. *Protecting lots and paths*

In order to protect lots and paths over which heavy material is to be moved, masons, stone cutters and grave diggers are required to lay planks.

Moving stones across neighboring lots and attaching guy ropes are forbidden, except at such places as the superintendent may direct.

All refuse material must be removed, and the grounds must be left in good order. This applies not only to the above named workmen, but also to owners of lots or persons working for same in the care of lots.

10. *Perpetual care of lots*

a. The amount of the perpetual care fund for the care of a lot shall be determined by the trustees, based on the number and size of stones on it. Care of all lots will be in proportion to the total income from the amount of perpetual funds received.

a. Arrangements may be made through the superintendent for the care of plants, flowers and the annual care of a lot. Old lots shall be put under perpetual care, and it is hoped that this will be done whenever possible.

11. *Removal of memorials*

Flowers, wreaths, etc. left on lots will be removed by the employees of the cemetery as soon as possible after they fade or go by. The cemetery is not responsible for anything left on lots. No artificial flowers allowed.

12. *Care of grounds*

No person shall enter upon or engage in any conduct at the cemetery which is disrespectful of the dead or disturb other visitors. No person shall encumber the driveways or paths of the cemetery. No person shall allow dogs or other animals on the grounds of the cemetery.

The superintendent has the right to remove, or cause to be removed, from the cemetery improper and disorderly persons and persons violating the rules of the cemetery and the laws of the community.

13. *Yearly care of lots*

For lots without perpetual care, payment for each seasons work (at the rate determined by the trustees) is due on presentation of bill.

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14. *Rights of cemetery employees*

The officers of the cemetery, the superintendent and cemetery employees, shall have the right at all times to enter upon any lot or other parts of the cemetery to perform their duties, and they shall have right to remove, or cause to be removed, any tree or shrub which the superintendent may consider detrimental, dangerous, or inconvenient to the proper functioning of the cemetery.

15. *Traffic rules*

Automobiles are permitted as a privilege not as a legal right, so long as the privilege is not abused. Fifteen (15) miles an hour is the maximum speed limit.

Heavy trucking is excluded from the cemetery, except by special permission of the superintendent.

Damages for careless driving will be charged to the driver of the vehicle. The trustees reserve the right to suspend vehicular traffic.

16. *Closing Gates*

The gates will be closed and locked at sunset, and at other times, at the discretion of the superintendent.

17. *Water*

The use of water is for plants and flowers. Persons desiring water for watering lots must obtain a permit from the superintendent.

18. *Emergency Rules*

The superintendent is authorized to make any emergency rule for the proper conducting of the cemetery that the exigencies of the occasion may require, but such rules shall be subject to approval later of the trustees.