

BAYSIDE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Rules and Regulations

The following Rules relative to Bayside Cemetery have been adopted by the Directors with a desire to enhance the beauty of the Cemetery and to better protect visitors to the Cemetery as well as property within the Cemetery.

1. **HOURS:** The Cemetery shall be open to visitors at all reasonable hours during the spring, summer and fall months. Ordinarily the Cemetery will be closed during the winter months. However, the Superintendent is authorized to open the Cemetery during the winter at such times and for such purposes as he may determine. Furthermore, the Superintendent is authorized to close the Cemetery at any time he believes such closing is necessary.
2. **FIREARMS:** Persons with firearms will not be permitted in or about the Cemetery grounds except when participating at military funerals or for Memorial Day events.
3. **CHILDREN:** Children must be accompanied by someone responsible for their conduct when within the Cemetery property. Bayside will not be held responsible for any damages caused by children to memorials, shrubs, or plants as the Cemetery is not a place for children to play.
4. **PETS:** All dogs (or any animals) brought onto Bayside Cemetery property must be on a leash or restrained and pet waste must be picked up.
5. **PURCHASE OF LOTS:** Arrangements for the purchase of a lot or grave must be made with the Manager of Bayside Cemetery. Prices will be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Cemetery. Lot owners may resell their interest in their lot or graves back to Bayside by endorsing the back of their lot Certificate and then returning it to the Manager of Bayside Cemetery for the proper change in the Cemetery records. Transfer of title within a family must be handled in the same manner. No lot will change ownership or title unless or until the change has been approved and recorded with the Manager of Bayside Cemetery.
6. **MONUMENTS AND HEADSTONES:** Only one monument or headstone is permitted on a lot and cannot occupy over one half the width of the lot. Monuments or other authorized memorials shall be set upon a foundation. No rock, boulder, statue, bench,

or other permanent object may be erected upon a lot unless prior written permission is received from the Superintendent and the Board of Directors of the Cemetery.

7. **CORNER POSTS:** Corner posts must be set at grass level. The installation of corner posts must be approved by Cemetery personnel.
8. **FLAT MARKERS:** All flat markers must be set at grass level, excepting that existing markers above grass level may be replaced by duplicates, provided the replacements are set on a foundation. Grass level markers may be set without a foundation. Only one flat marker per burial will be permitted.
9. **FOUNDATIONS:** Foundations for monuments and/or markers shall only be installed by the Cemetery personnel under the direction and authority of the Superintendent in accordance with a rate schedule approved by the directors. Foundations will be installed by the Cemetery at such times during the year as is feasible. Foundations will be installed only after any and all charges relative to that specific lot have been paid.
10. **LOT CARE:** The regular care of lots consists of mowing and trimming the grass, removing any old flowers, fallen leaves, tree branches, and any other debris. This does not provide for water, fertilizer, special care of monuments, or planting of shrubbery or plants.
11. **LOT GRADE:** All lots re-seeded or re-made will be at such grade level as the Superintendent may determine. The grade will be level with no grave mounds permitted.
12. **RE-SEEDING:** Re-seeding or re-turfing of lots is done under the direction of the Superintendent. The charge for re-seeding or re-turfing is based on the size of the lot, and is in accordance with a charge set by the Board of Directors.
13. **PLANTINGS:** There will be no planting of shrubs on lots or graves unless permission has been granted by the Superintendent. Shrubs that have died, are unsightly or interfere with the normal Cemetery operations shall be removed.
14. **DECORATIONS:** No more than two (2) flower urns or one (1) large plant container are permitted on a lot. All flowers, urns, containers or plants must be kept near the monument. **NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME:** Glass, shells, toys, pin wheels, balloons, wires, shepherd hooks, solar lights or any items which can be blown around by winds. Wreath stands are only permitted except during a burial service or during the winter season (Dec. 1 – Mar. 31) but must be removed by April 1. Small flags or markers honoring military and first responders are allowed but must be placed next to a

monument; they will be removed if they are broken or deteriorated; all flags will be removed after Veterans Day. Any items that are not permitted, are unsightly or deteriorated, or interfere with maintenance operations will be removed at the discretion of the Superintendent. All artificial and cut flowers and non-permanent decorations will be removed by October 1 each year.

15. Fences, curbing or stone enclosures, etc. around a lot or grave will not be permitted. The use of bricks, sand, cement, gravel, wires, crushed rock, or other materials on or about a grave is not allowed and may be removed by the Superintendent without notice as they pose a danger and are a deterrent to the proper maintenance of lots.
16. **DAMAGED PROPERTY:** The Cemetery, Superintendent, officers, or 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 responsible for any urns, containers, or other articles placed upon a lot in the Cemetery. NOTE: The laws of the State of New Hampshire (R.S.A. Ch. 572) 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 or decorations from a grave as well as for any act tending to desecrate a grave.
17. **BURIALS:** Single grave lots are limited to the following:
 - a. one full casket burial plus three cremation burials above; or
 - b. one full casket burial plus three infant burials; or
 - c. three cremation burials.
18. **OPENING OF GRAVES:** All graves shall be opened by workmen in the employment of Bayside Cemetery or any outside contractors hired by the Cemetery and the charge shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. Extra charges have been set for graves opened during the winter months, or for graves opened for burials to be held on a weekends or Legal Holidays.
19. **INTERMENT:** Bodies of deceased humans only may be buried in the Cemetery. Such bodies, including cremated remains, shall be buried in a concrete, bronze, or other suitable hard non-biodegradable container, which shall have been manufactured for the burial of a deceased person.
20. **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 be no surviving spouse, then a duly appointed executor of administrator, if any, and if not then by the next of kin; and in full compliance has been made with all laws governing the disinterment and/or removal of a body. This rule shall not apply when a lawful order is given the Superintendent by a duly authorized public official.

21. **VIOLATION OF RULES:** Any person willfully violating any of these rules will be ejected and excluded from the Bayside Cemetery. Such further action may be taken as the Superintendent or Directors deem advisable.

22. **CHANGE OF RULES:** The Directors have the right and the duty to change these rules whenever a change is deemed necessary or advisable. A copy of these rules and any changes that may be made shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the office building in Bayside Cemetery and on our website, www.baysidecemeterynh.com.

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