

## CEMETERY REGULATIONS

**HISTORY:** Adopted by the Board of Selectmen as authorized by RSA 289:7 I. (a) as the Cemetery Trustees for the Town of Surry on September 18, 2006. Amendments noted where applicable.

50-1. Effect on prior regulations; copy to be provided to lot owner.

The following amended regulations supersede all previous regulations for the care and maintenance of Town cemeteries but do not affect conditions or structures existing at time of adoption. A copy of these rules and regulations for the Surry Cemetery will be available at the time of lot purchase.

50-2. Cemetery lots.

- A. Cemetery lots will be sold by the Town Clerk as designated by the Selectmen.
- B. The use of a lot is for the lot holder or lot holder's relatives for interment only and not for sale or profit. Any resale of a lot(s) must be back to the Town of Surry at the original purchase price for future sale at the current comparable price.
- C. Every interment, including cremations, shall be recorded in a permanent manner by the Town Clerk.
- D. Full size lots will be sold to the general public until 19 have been sold from the 2003 expansion at which time sales will be limited to then current Surry residents. Cremation lots will be sold to the general public until 9 have been sold from the 2003 expansion at which time sales will be limited to then current Surry residents.
- E. For each lot purchased, 75% of the cost will be placed in a trust fund, held by the Trustees of Trust funds, whose interest will be used for cemetery care and maintenance, with the remainder of the purchase price going into the town's general fund.
- F. Full payment using separate checks, one to the Town of Surry and the other to the Trustees of Trust Funds, must be made at time of lot purchase.
- G. Current cost for each 5' by 10' burial lot is \$300 as set by vote at town meeting in March, 2004, with purchased lots of 4 or more discounted by 15%.
- H. The price of a 2.5' by 5' lot (for cremations) will be half the price of regular lots, with purchased lots of 4 or more discounted by 15%.
- I. Changes in lot fees will be approved by town meeting vote.

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- J. No lot shall be enclosed by any fence, railing, wall, hedge, ditch or embankment.
- K. For assistance in locating a lot for burials or installation of the monument please contact the Town Clerk c/o the Town Hall at (603) 352-3075.

### 50-3. Flowers.

- A. Flowers will be removed by either the family or town when they become unsightly.
- B. The Town of Surry is not responsible for damage or theft of urns, shrubs, wreaths, receptacles or baskets.
- C. The use of glass containers is not permitted.
- D. The placing of several flower pots and containers on a lot is discouraged. It is recommended that flowers be placed in an urn or planted without pots in front of a lot's monument.

### 50-4. Burials.

- A. It is required that the Cemetery Sexton or the Board of Selectmen's designee be notified a minimum of 48 hours in advance of a burial.
- B. Winter season burials will be at the discretion of the Cemetery Sexton and/or Board of Selectmen.
- C. Lot capacities
  - 1. Full Size: one casket and one cremation container or three cremation containers. This includes infant burial.
  - 2. Cremation: four containers.

Capacities that deviate from the above are to be approved by the Board of Selectmen upon review and recommendation by the Cemetery Sexton.

- D. Burial charges for opening and closing graves are paid directly to the town sexton at a fee to be determined at the time of burial.
- E. The Town requires all cremated remains to be placed in an indestructible outside container.

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50-5. Town Responsibility.

- A. The Town is responsible for the care and maintenance of the cemetery under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.
- B. The Town is responsible for ensuring that perpetual care is being performed.

50-6. General Regulations.

- A. Vandals will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
- B. Vehicles must maintain a reasonable and prudent speed at all times.
- C. Dogs must be under control of owner at all times, and owner must clean up after them.
- D. Do not pick flowers (wild or cultivated).
- E. Recreational use of the cemetery for the riding of bicycles, horses, motorcycles, trail bikes, or skateboards will not be allowed.

50-7. Monuments.

- A. Only one central upright monument may be placed upon a lot. The location and building of the foundation shall be under the direction of the Cemetery Sexton and /or Board of Selectmen designee. All grave markers and cornerstones must be set flush to the ground. All monuments must have a foundation. The smaller cremation lots may only have a monument that is flush with the ground.
- B. Grave memorials that deviate from the usual are to be approved by the Board of Selectmen upon review and recommendation by the Cemetery Sexton.
- C. Monument and foundation installation charges are paid directly to the monument company.

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