

## Winchester Memorial Association Cemetery Rules

### 1) Authority of the Cemetery Association Members

The Winchester Cemetery Association shall recommend improvements to the cemetery and shall establish rules and regulations contained within. In both cases such improvements, rules and regulations shall be subject to approval by the Association Board and shall be effective upon such approval.

### 2) Lots

- a) Persons desiring to purchase a plot or grave site should contact the Cemetery Association Sexton who will aid in making a selection. When the plot is paid in full, a cemetery deed will be issued.
- b) A casket burial plot will be 5' by 10' and shall contain no more than one casket burial and 1 urn or 4 urns.
- c) All plots will be sold at the rate of \$200.00 each and subject to the rules and conditions provided herein or which the Cemetery Associations may hereafter pass.
- d) No plot shall be used for any purpose other than for the burial of human remains and the placing of appropriate markers as memorials.
- e) No person shall be recognized as owner of a plot without a valid cemetery deed.

### 3) Perpetual Care

The cooperation of all plot owners is necessary to keep the cemetery in as beautiful and attractive condition as possible. The term "perpetual care" shall mean cutting the grass upon the plots or grave sites; pruning of shrubs and trees; seeding of new grave sites; and raking/cleaning of the plots and grave sites at reasonable intervals. The Cemetery Association shall provide this service.

### 4) Rules for Visitors

- a) Visitors to the cemetery are requested to observe the decorum that would be appropriate for their presence in a place consecrated to the burial of the dead.
- b) All persons are prohibited from picking flowers, wild or cultivated, or from cutting or breaking any tree, shrub, or plant. They are further prohibited from writing upon, marking, defacing or in any manner doing injury to any monument or other structure in, or belonging to the cemetery.
- c) Visitors are requested to keep to the paths and roads and refrain from walking over, sitting upon, or otherwise occupying any lot not their own.
- d) No dogs, skateboards, roller skates, ATV/UTV's, snowmobiles, or dirt bikes are allowed in the cemetery at any time.
- e) All children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult, who in all cases will be held responsible for their conduct.
- f) Loitering on the cemetery grounds is prohibited.
- g) No cleaning of a headstone if it doesn't belong to a close family member,

5) Privileges & Restrictions of Lot Owners

- a) There shall be no planting of shrubs, or trees on any plot. If flowers, trees or shrubs are desired, they shall be placed in a wire box, basket, or pot of a size that can be moved to facilitate mowing. Summer decorations, such as flowers, can remain until Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b) No benches are allowed on a plot.
- c) The Cemetery Association may from, time to time, plant trees or shrubs in accordance with the general plan for the improvement of the grounds. The road may be changed or expanded as the cemetery itself is expanded.
- d) The owners of plots wishing to make improvements to their plot Only, shall consult the Cemetery Association Sexton and all work shall be done with permission by the Sexton. See Rule 4b.
- e) Any loss or damage noted by plot owners shall be reported to the Cemetery Association.

6) Rules for Burial

- a) No interment shall take place without the presence of the sexton, and no grave shall be dug unless the plot is paid in full.
- b) Considering the potential damage to existing graves as well as other difficulties during the winter period; burials between November 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> shall occur only at the discretion of the Cemetery Association, and weather permitting.
- c) Orders for interment should reach the Cemetery Association Sexton at least 72 hours before the date of interment.

7) Dis-interments

No dis-interments will be allowed without the permission of the Sexton, and the plot owner or their next of kin.

8) Monuments or Stones

- a) Monuments or Stones shall be cut on at least one side and the foundation shall be finished true and level, and of the appropriate thickness to carry the monument or stone. This foundation shall be at least four inches and no more than five inches larger than the monument or stone and shall be set flush with the sod. The monument or stone must be secured to the foundation to prevent movement or damage.
- b) No monument, stone or veteran's marker shall be allowed upon any lot unless the plot is paid in full.
- c) No material except granite, a good grade of white marble, standard bronze or cut stone, shall be used for a marker or monument. A temporary marker or monument is allowed for only one year. Any other material must be approved by the Cemetery Association Board.
- d) Above ground mausoleums are permitted.

9) Violations and Penalties

Damage to the cemetery shall result in a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$500.00 unless the damage exceeds that amount. Violators will be liable for any court costs and disbursements incurred by the Cemetery Association and lot owner as allowed by law.

10) Effective Date: Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Winchester Memorial Cemetery Association

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