

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **Ownership, Interments**

- 1. All plots or niches shall be held pursuant to the provisions of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York and acts amendatory thereof, and shall not be used for any other purposes than as a place of burial or placement of human remains for the dead. All plots and niches shall be subjected to the rules and regulations heretofore established or which may be hereafter established, whether or not the same appear in the rules and regulations annexed in the deeds of such plots or niches.
- 2. The term "plot" as used herein shall be deemed to be a single grave (no grave or plot shall be for double depth burial, except for those graves specifically earmarked as double depth graves on the official records of the Cemetery, only 1 casket and 1 cremains or 3 cremains shall be interred in a grave), and the term "owner" shall be deemed to mean the person having title to the burial rights therein, or their successors in interest. The Cemetery Corporation may, from time to time, lay out or alter avenues or walks and make such rules and regulations for the regulation of the cemetery grounds, including plots already conveyed, as it may deem requisite and proper to secure and promote the general welfare of the Cemetery, and this conveyance is made and executed subject to this express condition.
- 3. In all cases of burial, the Cemetery Office should receive and may require at the least forty-eight hours' notice prior to the arrival of the funeral procession at the Cemetery.
- 4. No grave or niche shall be opened in any plot unless Rockland Cemetery's Interment Form is completed and signed by the registered owner of said plot or niche, or his or her authorized agent and delivered to the Cemetery Office. No interment shall be made unless full particulars of the deceased are given on the form supplied by the Cemetery Corporation and all Cemetery charges are paid. The transit permit or certificate of cremation and the payment in full is required at the time of the interment.
- 5. Cremated remains will not be permitted to be scattered in any part of the Cemetery. Interment of cremains is permitted only in an appropriately sealed container.
- 6. Owner of plots or niches or persons entitled to ownership therein by descent, conveyance, will or otherwise, shall not allow interment to be made in their plots or niches for remuneration.
- 7. No transfer or assignment of the use or title of any plot or niche, or any interest therein, shall be valid unless in full compliance with the pertinent provisions of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York and the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery, and approved in writing by the Cemetery.
- 8. All lot owners are required to notify the Cemetery of any change of address. All notices required to be sent shall be sent to the last recorded address and such notices shall be deemed adequate.
- 9. No purchaser's title to a lot or grave shall be deemed valid until the entire amount of the purchase price shall have been paid.

## **Monuments & Planting**

- 1. All planting for adornment shall be under the control and direction of the Cemetery Corporation. Trees standing upon any plot for burial purposes shall remain the property of the Cemetery Corporation and shall not be cut or removed there from without its consent. Trees shall not be planted in plots by owners, and, if such planting be done, they may be removed by the Cemetery Corporation. Flowers or flowering plants may be planted in the plots by owners, no more than 12 inches in front of the monument regardless of the number of graves owned. Should it determine that said flowers or plants are to have, or may become detrimental to adjacent plots or avenues or unsightly or inconvenient for visitors, or are beyond 12 inches in front of the monument, it shall have full authority and right to enter upon said plot and remove the same with or without notice to owner or his successors in interest.
- 2. No shrubbery is permitted on any grave(s) in any section.
- 3. A lot owner shall have the right to place upon his plot, 12 inches in front of the headstone, a boarder made of pavers, no more than 6 inches tall. No natural rock, bricks, or plastic fence is allowed. Should the Cemetery Corporation determine that said border is more than 12 inches in front of the headstone, or made

- of anything other than pavers, it shall have full authority and right to enter upon said plot and remove the same with or without notice.
- 4. No mounds on grave will be allowed except with the explicit consent of the Cemetery Corporation in special cases. Excessive amounts of memorabilia are prohibited. At head of grave Statues and Flags are to be kept to one per grave except for the addition of an organization flag. Flags are permitted from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. Flags are to be respectfully removed and properly disposed of 1 week after Verterans Day. No candles, open flames or burning of any kind is permitted except artificial flames created by solar or battery power. A \$250.00 Fine per violation will be imposed on the plot owner. Rockland Cemetery reserves the right to remove any item(s) considered an eyesore or in violation of our rules.
- 5. The lot owner is responsible for any and all personal garden maintenance.
- 3. A lot owner shall have the right to place upon his plot, no more than 14 inches from the head of said grave, any monument, stone, bench or memorial structure, made of granite or other cut stone, provided the design, size, specifications, and placing thereof, first shall have been approved by the Cemetery Corporation. Only one monument or other memorial structure (a bench) shall be erected upon a plot. No slab shall be set in any other than a horizontal position. All monuments or other structures of like character must rest upon a solid foundation of mason work constructed for it by the Cemetery Corporation at owner's expense. A sketch of the proposed monument/bench indicating material, dimension and design must be submitted, along with Rockland Cemetery's Monument Work Permit, and approved by the Cemetery Corporation before any work may be instituted. The maximum height of a monument is 42 inches including the base and die. Monuments, benches and memorial structures must be installed by an insured professional monument company. That company must provide workers compensation and liability insurance naming the cemetery as additional insured. Decorations, flowers and mulch are not permitted under/around benches and if placed, will be removed by the Cemetery Corporation.
- 4. Rockland Cemetery does not have the facilities to directly receive or install grave markers, headstone/monuments or benches. All deliveries and installations must be handled by a professional monument company. That company must provide workers compensation and liability insurance naming the cemetery as additional insured.
- 5. Monuments for baby graves must be flat markers no larger than 18 inches by 12 inches.
- 6. Footstones are permitted in Rockland Cemetery and may be placed upon a plot(s), at the foot of the plot, flush with the ground, first approved by the Cemetery Corporation. All monuments and other structures of like character must rest upon a foundation of mason work constructed for it by the Cemetery Corporation at the owner's expense, only if installed flush with the ground. Decorations are not permitted by the footstone.
- 7. Foundations are poured May through November, weather permitting.
- 8. All monuments, benches and memorial structures are the property of the family and should be insured against damage or loss on their home owner's insurance policy as an additional rider.
- 9. In any portion of the Cemetery designated as a Memorial Park Section, no headstones or monuments above ground level will be permitted. All graves therein must be kept level; the only planting permitted being flowers at the head of the graves.
- 10. Headstones, slabs and monuments which have fallen or which require repair may be removed or the condition corrected by order of the Cemetery unless removed or repaired by the owner within thirty days after notification, and in case of correction by the Cemetery a charge thereof shall be placed against the plot or grave.
- 11. Christmas wreathes and blankets are allowed as winter decorations from November 15<sup>th</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup>. Palm Crosses or flowers are allowed 4 weeks before through 4 weeks after Easter. Artificial flowers may be placed on any grave from November 15<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. Artificial flowers will be removed May 2<sup>nd</sup> unless arrangements have been made before hand with the Cemetery Corporation. Silk flowers are allowed year-round in vases affixed to the monument.
- 12. Should the Cemetery Corporation, in the exercise of its discretion, determine any monument, effigy, inscription, sign, urn, container, enclosure, structure or object upon any plot or niche, to be offensive, improper, detrimental or injurious to the appearance of the surrounding plots or to the Cemetery grounds, it shall have the right to enter such plot and remove said object and the owner of such plot shall bear cost of removal, shall have no redress therefore against the Cemetery Corporation.

## General

- 1. Rockland Cemetery is open 7 days a week for visitation as follows: October 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, with the gate closing at 3:45 pm; May 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm and September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Appointments are encouraged.
- 2. All care of plots shall be under the sole direction of the Cemetery Corporation.
- 3. Please restrict driving, turning and parking to the roads, not on the grass. The cemetery roads vary in width, so please find a parking area that will not impede the flow of traffic.
- 4. No disinterment shall be allowed except by the consent of the Cemetery Corporation and under its direction, and the filing with the Cemetery Office of all necessary evidences of authority for such disinterment and all Cemetery charges are paid.
- 5. The Cemetery reserves the right to resurvey and subdivide unsold lots or plots or parts thereof.
- 6. The Cemetery may prohibit any contractor or workman from working in the Cemetery if such contractor or workmen prove to be uninsured, unreliable, not professional or incapable or if he refuses to abide by the rules and regulations. All contractors or/and workmen must receive prior written permission from the Cemetery Corporation before any work is commenced.
- 7. No work shall be left in an improper or unfinished condition; otherwise, the same may be properly completed by the Cemetery at the expense of the lot or grave owner.
- 8. Private contractors must not trespass on lots or graves other than the ones on which the work is to be done without the consent of said owners of lots or graves in writing filed with the Cemetery Office.
- 9. Private contractors and others will be held responsible for any damage done to lots, graves, monuments, paths, roads, plantings, trees, structures, etc., including damage to the lawn, and shall take all necessary precautions to avoid damage.
- 10. Solicitation of business in the Cemetery is absolutely prohibited.
- 11. Contractors and others are required to interrupt their work pending a nearby funeral service or procession.
- 12. Except by written permission of the Cemetery Corporation, no work shall be performed in the Cemetery or materials or tools left on lots, graves or Cemetery grounds by contractors on Sundays, legal holidays or after noon on Saturdays, nor shall any work be commenced on Saturdays that cannot be finished by noon.
- 13. The Cemetery may charge for unusual repairs necessitated by the acts of God, etc. In the event that it becomes necessary to repair or reconstruct any marble, granite, bronze or concrete work on any section or plot or crypt or niche, or any portion of portions thereof in the cemetery, mausoleum or columbarium, which has been damaged by the order of any military or civil authority, the Cemetery shall give a 10-day notice of the necessity for such repair to the plot owner of record. The notice shall be given by depositing the same in the USPS mail addressed to the plot owner of record at his or her address stated on the books of the Cemetery. In the event the plot owner fails to repair the damage within a reasonable amount of time, the Cemetery may direct that the repairs be made and charge the expense against the plot and to the plot owner of record.
- 14. The Cemetery shall take reasonable precaution to protect plot owners, and the property rights of plot owners, within the Cemetery, from loss or damage; but it distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.
- 15. Except by written permission of the Cemetery, no one may record any video within the Cemetery at any time.
- 16. No "For Sale" signs will be allowed on lots, plots, graves, vaults or niches. No advertisements in any form will be allowed on any work in the Cemetery; and the Cemetery reserves the right to remove therefore any such signs or advertisements.

- 17. In making excavations or doing construction, the Cemetery reserves the right to use, temporarily, the adjoining lots or graves to receive such tools, derricks and materials as are necessary to perform all work.
- 18. The Cemetery may, from time to time, revise these Rules and Regulations and make reasonable administration and conduct of the Cemetery.
- 19. It is the direct responsibility of the lot/plot/niche owner to make themselves aware of these Rules and Regulations or any changes that may be made.

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