

Barrington Cemetery Commission TOWN OF BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND

SUMMARY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS of the PUBLIC CEMETERIES IN THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON

Cemetery grounds are primarily for the use of grave lot owners and the families and friends of the deceased. Although they are public and exist primarily for the resting place of past generations, Barrington cemeteries are community resources offering places of serenity and beauty for quiet reminiscences and meditation.

All space for Final Disposition in the public cemeteries in the Town of Barrington are by law (ref: Town Charter Title 16, Chapter 1; RI General Laws Title 23, Chapter 18) subject to the rules and regulations now in effect or which may from time to time be amended and adopted by the Barrington Cemetery Commission.

1. The price of disposition space will be set by the Commission and includes normal perpetual care. However, there will be additional grounds maintenance charge based on the size and/or type of marker or stone installed.
2. Maintenance of any marker or stone is the sole responsibility of the owner.
3. Deed transfers or deed assignments, OR Grants of Final Disposition shall not be made, and shall be void, without prior written approval of the Commission.
4. Changes of interments and dis-interments, in-ground and not in-ground entombments, shall be made only with prior written approval of the Commission or its designated representative.
5. Grants of Final Disposition may be purchased only by present or former residents of the Town of Barrington for their own personal use or use by their heirs and assigns subject to the approval of the Barrington Cemetery Commission.
6. Full payment for the purchase of disposition space must be received prior to interment or entombment.
7. Final disposition charges, payable to the Commission, and the burial certificate, both usually provided and paid for through the funeral director, must be received prior to any interment or entombment.
8. Every in-earth interment, including cremated remains, must include the use of a permanent type vault or container approved by the Superintendent of Cemetery Operations.
9. Workmen, in whatever capacity employed to do work at a Cemetery, must obtain prior written approval from the Superintendent of Cemetery Operations. They must carry off all rubbish they generate and are responsible for all damages incurred by their operations.
10. The grade of any in-ground interment (grave) shall not be changed without the prior written consent of the Superintendent of Cemetery Operations.
11. Funeral processions upon entering a cemetery are in the charge of the Superintendent of Cemetery Operations, or his/her designee.
12. Grave markers or stones must be made of granite, marble or bronze. Their location, design, size, color, composition and installation must be approved by the Commission or its designee prior to installation. Temporary markers or stones are not permitted.
13. A single raised marker or stone will be permitted on standard sized lots of two (2) or more adjacent in-ground interments. Only flat markers or stones set level with the ground may be placed on single in-ground interments. Markers may be moved into adjacent walkways by the Superintendent to accommodate efficient interment and maintenance procedures.
14. In-ground interments in a standard size lot shall be limited to one full burial and two (2) cremated remains, or three (3) cremated remains, per single standard size in-ground lot (grave).
15. Permitted plantings are restricted to annuals or perennial flowers provided the planting(s) is confined to a space at the head of an in-ground standard size interment (grave) one foot from the front of the marker or stone and not exceeding the width of the marker or stone. No planting in the ground is permitted at lawn-level markers or stones. However, cut flowers, wreaths, or movable containers may be accepted. The Cemetery prohibits borders which may interfere with proper mowing, as well as the use of objects of glass, ceramic, wood or metal which are considered inappropriate or dangerous to the maintenance of the grounds.

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16. The Commission or Superintendent of Cemetery Operations shall have the right to cause the removal from cemetery space any item, floral decorations, monumental structures, effigies or inscriptions, the retention of which in their judgment shall be dangerous, improper, inconvenient or detrimental to the appearance, condition or maintenance of the cemetery.

17. No sledding or other recreational activity is permitted in any Town cemetery.

18. The Commission reserves the right to amend or modify these Rules and Regulations, when in its judgment, it is deemed necessary.

Please contact a Commission member or the Superintendent of Cemetery Operations on questions of interpretation or matters not specifically covered by the Rules and Regulations herewith. Proposal for appeal or variance to the Barrington Cemetery Commission must be made in writing and received in the office of the Barrington Town Clerk ten (10) days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the commission in order to be placed on the meeting agenda. The Barrington Cemetery Commission shall answer an appeal or variance in writing within sixty (60) days of the meeting at which the appeal is presented.

Although provided for by the Town Charter, in recent years no appropriations have been necessary for cemetery operations. Operating funds have been provided primarily from the sale of graves and services, and from contributors who have made endowment bequests. Your consideration of a memorial bequest to the Barrington Cemetery Commission Restoration Fund will be appreciated.

I (We), _____ & _____
Name of Purchaser Additional Purchaser

Of _____ Phone# _____
Address

OR formerly of Barrington at _____
Former Address

(Years at Former Address _____) are eligible as purchaser(s) of Space for Final Disposition in:

Forest Chapel _____ Prince's Hill _____ Cremation Garden _____

In the space numbered and designated as _____, and have received a copy of the "Summary of Rules and Regulations of the Public Cemeteries of the Town of Barrington" prior to purchase. I (We) have read and understand them and agree to abide by them.

Signature(s) _____

Date _____

Barrington Cemetery Commission

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