

TOWN of ALEXANDER

CEMETERY ORDINANCE

Section 1: PURPOSE

For the mutual protection of lot owners, the cemetery, and the Town, the following rules are hereby established for the Alexander Cemetery. All lot owners and persons visiting the cemetery are expected to abide with these rules, which are enacted to maintain the cemetery as a peaceful and beautiful area as a reverent symbol of respect for the dead.

Section 2: GENERAL

- a. The cemetery shall be open between the hours of sunrise and sunset. No person shall enter the cemetery at any other time, except by permission of the caretaker.
- b. Firearms in the cemetery are prohibited, except for a military escort, or when unloaded and within a motor vehicle. The discharging of any offensive weapon such as bow and arrows, slingshots, air rifles or the throwing of rocks or pellets is prohibited.
- c. Bicycles, ATVs, snowmobiles and dirt bikes are prohibited, as are domestic animals, including dogs and horses. Note, a pet within a motor vehicle is permissible.
- d. No person shall willfully damage or destroy any tomb, gravestone, monument or other object designed as a memorial for the dead, or any fence, tree or shrub found within the cemetery.
- e. Floral or other displays shall be removed from lots by October 1st and Christmas displays shall be removed by May 1st.
- f. Chairs, settees or similar items are not permitted permanently within the cemetery.
- g. The caretaker shall have the right to remove all floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, plants or other items that do not conform to the standards maintained at the cemetery.
- h. Waste materials (faded flowers, old pots, etc.) shall be disposed of through the lot owner's home trash or recycling. Waste materials shall not be left in the cemetery or deposited in the area surrounding the cemetery.

Section 3: LOT OWNERSHIP

- a. Residents of Alexander desiring a lot should visit the cemetery with the caretaker who will aid them in making a selection. A copy of this ordinance shall be given to the new lot owner. It shall be the duty of the lot owner to notify the caretaker or the Town Office of any change of address.
- b. Transfer of lots will not be recognized without the consent of the caretaker.
- c. The lot owner shall have the right to erect a stone or monument on his lot and one individual marker for each grave. In addition, military and/or lodge flag holders are permissible.

- d. The general care of the cemetery is the responsibility of the Town through the caretaker. This includes reasonable care of the unassigned lots, the roadways, the woods at the edge of the cemetery and the lawn along the Airline.
- e. Pending funding by the voters, the Town shall mow the entire cemetery annually before these three holidays; Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.
- f. All reasonable precautions will be taken to protect the assigned lots within the cemetery from damage, but the cemetery will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

Section 4: **INTERMENT**

- a. When an interment of a body or cremains is to be made in a lot, the location of such interment shall be designated by the lot owner, or by his authorized representative. The caretaker shall be notified of such interment and with a death certificate or burial permit shall be given to the Town Clerk.
- b. The caretaker shall record in the caretaker's notebook each interment and provide the Town Clerk with this information so that the duplicate caretaker's notebook at the Town Office can be kept up to date.
- c. In order to maintain a high standard of care and to eliminate sunken graves, all burials must be made in an outside container constructed of natural stone, metal, reinforced concrete or approved synthetics.
- d. Cost of repairing damage to existing lots and/or cemetery property relating to interment shall be borne by the family, the funeral home and/or by the contractor.
- e. The caretaker reserves the right to postpone interment time due to weather, civil or national emergencies.