



Rules & Regulations

1. A Certificate of Burial Rights ("Certificate") shall be issued to indicate rights of burial in the lot designated subject to the civil law and to those Rules and Regulations that have been or may be enacted hereafter by the "Catholic Cemetery Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Inc. and subject also to the laws, usage's and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church relating to sepulture and to the rites and ceremonies to be observed at funerals.
2. It is understood and agreed that when burial rights are transferred by the Association to a certificate holder no deed or conveyance of any title or interest in said land is executed or delivered, but that the title thereto and possession thereof shall remain in said Association, and that nothing herein contained shall be construed as granting any rights or privilege other than the privilege of burial in said lot, and that said privilege shall not extend to the burial of any deceased person excluded by the discipline of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Further, this privilege is received and held on the condition and with the agreement that no removal or removals be made or permitted to be made from any grave or graves without the consent in writing of the Catholic Cemetery Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Inc. or his duly authorized representative. Upon payment in full, a Certificate of Rights of Interment/Entombment will be sent to the Certificate Holder.
3. Each lot shall be indivisible and upon the decease of the purchaser all burial rights shall belong to such person as the purchaser shall have designated in a last will and testament duly admitted to probate, or in an Assignment of Burial or Entombment Rights on file with the Association. Any such recorded Assignment will take precedence over any antecedent or subsequent conflicting testamentary transfer. Any such Assignment will be irrevocable until and unless the Purchaser and the Assignee consent in writing to the revocation and the revocation is recorded with the Association. In the event that the holder of this Certificate, whether the original purchaser or a transferee, dies without bequeathing his rights under this certificate and without having executed a specific Assignment of Burial or Entombment Rights, the ownership of this Certificate and of all unused rights of burial shall automatically be vested in the first of the

following: (1) spouse if living, (2) oldest living child, (3) oldest living grandchild, (4) father, (5) mother, (6) oldest living brother or sister or (7) nearest relation as determined by the Association. At the time of death of the spouse if remarried the rights of burial/entombment will revert to oldest living child of original holder of rights of burial/entombment. At time of death of oldest living child if married, a space will be reserved for the surviving spouse with all remaining rights of burial/entombment reverting to family of the original holder of rights of burial/entombment.

4. A Certificate of Burial Rights should be presented when application is made for a burial. However, in lieu of this Certificate the Association may accept a statement indemnifying and holding the Association harmless from any action that might arise as a result of said burial. This statement must be signed by either the funeral director or a member of the family requesting the burial provided that such signatory is financially responsible for such indemnity.

5. The privilege of burial is not transferable without the written approval of the Association, except by inheritance or by the proper execution of an Assignment of Burial Rights or an Application to Open Grave as provided in the Rules of the Association.

6. Interment/Entombment spaces will be opened only with the approval of the Cemetery Manager and in accord with the Rules of the Association.

7. Since the cemetery is consecrated by the Church as a place of burial a strict observance of due proprieties is required.

8. While any indebtedness to the Association remains unpaid interment/entombment may not be permitted, and the erecting of any memorial work will not be allowed. Moreover, if the indebtedness on a lot is not paid in accordance with the terms of the Retail Installment Sales Contract, the Association has the right to rescind the Certificate of Burial Right.

9. Endowed care is obligatory for all lots and arrangements for endowed care of those lots not so endowed must be made at the time of the next interment or before memorial work is permitted on any lot.

10. When lots are put under endowed care all delinquent care charges must be paid. There will be no care charged for the current year for those lots put under endowed care on a full payment basis prior to July 1.

11. The rates for annual care and for endowed care may be reviewed from time to time as the Association sees fit.

12. All interments shall be made in impermeable outside containers that meet cemetery specifications. All disinterments of bodies buried in the cemeteries of the Association must be managed by a licensed embalmer or funeral director, except in cases where the outside container is intact and reburial is to be within the same cemetery or another cemetery operated by the Association in the same town.

12a. Embalming is a requirement for entombment in the Association's community mausoleums.

12b. All entombments shall be made in crypt liners that meet Catholic Cemeteries Association specifications. In the sole judgment of Catholic Cemeteries Association, we reserve the exclusive right to use or require alternate crypt liners if necessary.

13. Artificial decorations are strictly forbidden between April 15 and November 20. Potted plants are permitted only during the ten (10) day periods following Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day and Memorial Day. Potted plants dug into the soil will be immediately removed. Cut flowers are permitted if placed in appropriate containers, which are available at the cemetery.

14. It is forbidden to disturb turf, trees, or shrubbery without permission of the cemetery management. Lot owners will be assessed for any expense incurred because of the violation of this rule. Any trees, shrubs or plant life installed by lot owners become the property of the cemetery and may be removed by the management at any time.

15. The Association reserves the rights to remove or plant trees or shrubs.

16. The planting of annual flowers, while not recommended, is permitted on certain monument lots when confined to the twelve (12) inch area directly in front of the monument not to exceed the length of the monument base. When burials are both in front of and to the rear of a monument, the planting of annual flowers is permitted in front and rear of the monument within the twelve (12) inch area not to exceed the length of the monument base. (No other planting is permitted). No new shrubbery is permitted in individual lots. Existing shrubs shall be removed at such time as they become overgrown.

17. Appropriate winter decorations are permitted. They are restricted to the planting area, that is two feet directly in front of the monument on all monument lots not to exceed the width of the monument. When burials are both in front of and to the rear of a monument, such decorations are allowed in the two foot area directly to the rear and front of the monument, not to exceed the width of the monument. On non-monument lots, such decorations are confined to the two (2) foot area directly behind the grave marker. Winter decorations may be placed in the cemetery any time after November 20 and may remain until February 28. As of March 1, they will be removed and disposed of by the Cemetery personnel. Anyone wanting the Winter decorations on their lot must remove them prior to March 1.

18. Concrete products and articles such as glass jars, plastic items, votive lights, and bric-a-brac of any description are forbidden and will be removed without notice.

19. All planting and decorating of lots is done at the Certificate Holder's risk. The Cemetery Management is not responsible for damage or theft.

20. The size and design of all memorial work must meet cemetery specifications which are contained in the "Application for Memorial Work." Lot owners should not sign final contracts with dealers before seeking specific cemetery approval for their particular memorial in writing.

- 21.** Planting urns are not permitted in the cemetery.
- 22.** Raised markers are only allowed in designated sections.
- 23.** The Association reserves the exclusive right to two (2) feet within lots on all roadways for utility purposes.
- 24.** Only the American flag is permitted on the grave of a military veteran. A bronze military flag holder provided by a veteran organization will be permitted on the grave of a military veteran. Bronze flag holders with the Police, Fire Department, or Knights of Columbus emblem will be allowed for AMERICAN FLAGS ONLY.
- 25.** All requests or complaints are to be submitted to the cemetery office.
- 26.** The Association shall have the right to renovate old sections of the cemetery in order that they may be properly maintained in accord with present day standards. This will enable us to make better use of the limited revenue that is available from such sections. Concrete products, urns and other impediments to proper maintenance will be removed.
- 27.** The Association shall have the right to maintain guards if in its discretion it deems it necessary but is under no legal obligation to do so. Whether or not guards are used the Association 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 by the order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral.
- 28.** In the event that it becomes necessary to repair or reconstruct any marble, granite, bronze or concrete foundation work on any section or plot or crypt or niche, or any portion or portions thereof in the cemetery which has been damaged by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or by the order of any military or civil authority, the Association shall attempt to give a ten (10) day written notice of the necessity for such repair to the lot owner of record. The notice shall be given by depositing the same in the United States mail addressed to the lot owner of record at his or her address stated on the books of the Association. In the event the lot owner fails to repair the damage within thirty (30) days from the date of such notice, the Association may direct that repairs be made and charge the expense against the lot and to the lot owner of record or it may have the item(s) removed if in its sole discretion the item(s) is beyond repair.
- 29.** The term "Endowed Care"/"Perpetual Care" shall not be construed as meaning maintenance, repair or replacement of any grave-stones or monumental structures or memorials placed or erected upon the lots; nor the planting of flowers or ornamental plants; nor the maintenance or doing of any special or unusual work in the cemetery or in a mausoleum; nor does it mean the reconstruction of any marble, granite, bronze or concrete work on any section

or lot, or any portion or portions thereof in the cemetery, or buildings or structures therein caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or by order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.

30. The Association shall be in no way liable for any delay in the interment of a body, or for any delay in the fulfillment of any of its contracts or legal obligations, including but not limited to maintenance, care, memorial work or construction, which may arise from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially, from delays caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikes, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or by the order of any military or civil authority.

31. Subject to final approval by the Catholic Cemeteries Association's Board of Directors, the Association is authorized to amend or add to these Rules and Regulations as reasonably necessitated by operational requirements, and each Certificate Holder agrees to be bound by such reasonable amendments or additions.

32. These Rules and Regulations are intended to supplement or clarify any rules and regulations heretofore adopted. Any conflict between these Rules and Regulations and those previously adopted shall be resolved in favor of the above adopted Rules and Regulations. However, these Rules and Regulations in no way void any existing rules and regulations with which they are not in conflict.

33. These Rules and Regulations are subject to reasonable interpretation and enforcement by the Catholic Cemeteries Association and, subject to the Complaint Procedure of the Association, a copy of which is available upon request, the Association's reasonable interpretation and enforcement of these Rules and Regulations shall be final and binding upon all Certificate Holders.

Summer Rules

1. ARTIFICIAL DECORATIONS.

Artificial decorations are not permitted between April 15 and November 20.

2. PLACEMENT OF DECORATIONS.

Flush Marker Lots — Planting of flowers is prohibited. Natural cut flowers are permitted at other times when placed in vases that are available at the cemetery office without charge. These vases are to be used to commemorate special occasions such as: anniversaries, birthdays, etc. They are not intended for continual use. Vases are strictly for cut flowers and

NOT for potted plants. **Only one vase is allowed per grave. Additional containers will be removed.**

Upright Monument Lots — When burials are in front of the upright monument, **the planting of annual flowers is permitted only in the 10 in. area directly in front of the monument**, not to exceed the length of the monument base. When burials are both in the front and rear of the monument, the planting of annual flowers is permitted in the front and rear of the monument within the 10 in. area, not to exceed the length of the monument base. **Plantings on the side of the monument base are prohibited.** Remember, plantings require weekly maintenance by the lot owner. If plantings become overgrown with weeds, they will be removed. **Perennial plantings are not permitted.**

3. POTTED PLANTS.

Potted Plants and flower boxes on both monument and non-monument lots are allowed only during the ten (10) day period following Palm and Easter Sunday, Mothers and Fathers Day and Memorial Day. **Potted plants dug into the soil or placed in cemetery cut flower vases will be immediately removed.**

4. SHRUBBERY.

NEW SHRUBBERY is not permitted on individual lots. Existing shrubs will be removed by the cemetery at such time as they become overgrown.

5. PROHIBITED.

Concrete products, metal urns and articles such as glass jars, plastic items (with the exception of cemetery issued vases for cut flowers), votive lights, name plates, balloons, chimes, pumpkins, figurines and bric-a-brac of any description are forbidden.

6. PARKING.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK OR DRIVE ON THE GRASS. MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT 10 MILES PER HOUR.

7. MAUSOLEUMS AND GARDEN CRYPTS.

No decoration of any type (including votive lights or flowers) may be placed on any crypt or crypt area. Anyone found in violation may be held responsible for all costs incurred in either the removal of or damage caused by the placement of these prohibited decorations.

8. GARBAGE.

PLEASE USE rubbish containers throughout the cemetery.

9. PETS.

Visitors should be reminded to **LEASH AND CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR PETS.**

Winter Rules

1. WHEN MAY DECORATIONS BE PLACED?

Winter decorations are permitted during the period **November 20th to March 1st**. These decorations may consist of wreaths, artificial flowers or boughs of evergreens placed in a flower box. These dates were chosen for good reason. It is mid-November before all leaves have fallen. It takes several more weeks to remove them. If decorations are placed before leaves are removed, the leaves would become enmeshed in the decorations making it impossible to remove them. In addition, power blowers are used to collect leaves. They create winds up to 175 m.p.h. which may damage decorations. **NO DECORATION MAY EXCEED 2 FT. IN LENGTH X 2 FT. IN WIDTH X 2 FT. IN HEIGHT.**

2. PLACEMENT OF DECORATIONS.

On upright monument lots — decorations are confined to the 2 foot area adjacent to the monument on the burial side of the monument.

- a. When burials are in front of the upright monument, the decoration is to be placed directly in front of the monument.
- b. When burials are both in front and rear of the monument, a decoration is permitted in front and rear of the monument.
- c. Decorations on the side of the monument base are prohibited.

On flush marker lots — decorations are confined to the 2 foot area directly in front of the marker or between markers. No more than one decoration may be placed on a grave.

Decorations improperly placed make it impossible for equipment to excavate graves and clear snow. Decorations and wires freeze to the ground and cannot be removed without breaking. Frequently, they are buried in the snow and cannot be seen. **Winter decorations inserted into the ground are not allowed and will be removed.** Sometimes, damage occurs during winter interments despite exercising all reasonable caution and, therefore, the cemetery cannot be responsible for damage.

3. REMOVAL OF WINTER DECORATIONS.

All decorations are removed and disposed of beginning **March 1st**. Decorations will not be retained by the cemetery. If you wish to retain any of these decorations, you must remove them prior to this date.

Evergreens become dried out and lose color after three months of exposure to winds, sun, and snow. Removal at this time allows clean up of the cemetery prior to the Easter Season.

If weather conditions do not permit removal on **March 1st**, they will be removed as soon as practical after this date. It can take weeks to remove all winter decorations.

4. GRAVE BLANKETS.

Grave blankets, concrete products or articles such as glass jars, votive lights, palm and bric-a-brac of any description are forbidden.

5. PALM SUNDAY/EASTER.

When Easter occurs **prior to April 15th**, artificial flowers may be used. They will be removed 10 days after Easter. We urge families to remove them prior to this time, as they can be used for several seasons. **Palm has been blessed and, therefore, should not be used as a cemetery decoration. ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS ARE NOT PERMITTED AFTER APRIL 15.**

6. CEMETERY CONTAINERS.

Cemetery containers are for cut flowers only and not to be used for winter decorations.

7. PARKING.

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8. PETS.

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