

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

**OF THE**

**EDDINGTON MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES**

**EDDINGTON, MAINE**

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## **FORWARD**

It is the goal of the Town to make the Eddington Municipal Cemeteries a beautiful resting place for the dead where a sense of repose will be obtained by dignified landscapes and well-maintained lawns. To secure this effect, the Town has spent and will continue to spend considerable sums of money and preserving these effects will require the cooperation of every lot owner. It is to this end that these rules and regulations have been made.

## **PURCHASE OF LOTS/OWNERSHIP AND TITLE**

Persons wanting to purchase a lot are referred to the Town Office where there are plans showing plots available in each of the Town's cemeteries and prices for same. All lots purchased will include perpetual care. Upon selecting lot(s) the Town will give you a copy of all current rules and regulations and will issue a Cemetery Deed under its seal. The deed will be recorded in the records of the Town of Eddington as proof of lot ownership.

The term "Lot Owner" or "Ownership" shall be construed to mean the rights to use a lot or part of a lot, as purchased from the Town for a consideration for burial purposes only and under the rules and regulations as prescribed by the Cemetery Board.

The title to a cemetery lot invests in the owner the right to use such lot for burial purposes only, for themselves, their heirs or for such persons as they choose to admit, provided such admission is free of charge and without compensation and in accordance with the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Once lots are chosen and paid for, all arrangements for burial will be made by the funeral directors the owner has chosen.

## **FEES, CHARGES AND PAYMENTS**

The payment of all fees and charges shall be made to the Cemetery Board and receipts will be issued for all amounts paid.

The following schedule of fees and charges is in effect and applicable to all portions of the Eddington Municipal Cemeteries. These fees and charges are subject to change without notice at such time as the Town may deem necessary. No lot is to be sold without perpetual care.

### **STANDARD LOT PRICES:**

	<u><b>LOT</b></u>	<u><b>PERPETUAL CARE</b></u>	<u><b>TOTAL</b></u>
Single	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$250.00
Double	250.00	150.00	400.00
Quadruple	500.00	200.00	700.00

(after first 4 lot plot is purchased, additional lots will be sold at 2 lot plot prices. Four lots \$700, 6 lots \$1,100, 8 lots \$1,500, etc.)

### **NON-RESIDENTS**

Single	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
Double	650.00	150.00	800.00
Quadruple	1200.00	200.00	1400.00

(after first 4 lot plot is purchased, additional lots will be sold at 2 lot plot prices. Four lots \$1,400, 6 lots \$2,200, 8 lots \$3,000, etc.)

### **BURIAL CHARGES:**

Week Days

Saturday, Sunday  
& Holidays

\$450.00

\$550.00

### **CREMATE:**

\$100.00

\$150.00

**DISINTERMENT:** Minimum Charge                      \$450.00

All fees are subject to change.

Charges for opening graves to permit removal will be made on an individual basis in accordance with the difficulty of the work. Decisions of Cemetery Board are final and all payments are due in advance of disinterment.

## **PERPETUAL CARE OF LOTS**

Owners of lots or other interested persons may secure perpetual care of lots in the older portions of the cemeteries by payment to the Town of the perpetual care charge at the rates specified herein.

The term “Perpetual Care” means the obligation which the Town assumes for furnishing such care as mowing grass, raking and cleaning lots. It is understood that such expenditures shall be made at the discretion and under the direction of the Cemetery Board.

The Town will use these only for perpetual care of lots.

## **PRIVILEGES AND RESTRICTIONS**

No mounds shall be raised upon any grave above the general level of the lot. Mounds are difficult to maintain, as the sod grows in an unnatural position and is easily injured by heat, drought and frost. The Town reserves the right at any time to remove unsightly mounds and to resod the grave at the general level of the lot.

All general maintenance and all work on lots paid by perpetual care payments will be done by the Town, but it is desired that each lot owner feels free to consult with the Cemetery Board at all times. Their advice and assistance will be cheerfully given (without charge) and may be of much value to those contemplating the purchase of monumental work or of making lot improvements.

The Town reserves the right for its workmen and those persons necessary to the performance of normal operations to enter upon or cross over any lot in the cemeteries in the performance of such duties.

The Town or its employees assume no liability for damage, or actual or mental anguish, in the performance of normal operations or loss by vandalism or other acts beyond reasonable control.

## **RULES FOR VISITING**

The cemeteries will be open to visitors at all times between sunrise and sunset. Permission to enter the cemeteries at any other time must be obtained from the Cemetery Board. Any person found on the grounds after dark will be considered a trespasser.

People under the age of eighteen must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Exceptions may be made only by applying to the Cemetery Board.

Persons or picnic parties with refreshments will not be admitted. Dogs will not be allowed in the cemeteries.

Firearms will not be allowed in the cemeteries except for military funerals and at official celebrations such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, etc.

Snowmobiles, motorbikes, bicycles and all off-highway vehicles will not be allowed in the cemeteries. Visitors are required to use the walks and drives at the cemeteries. The picking of any flowers (either wild or cultivated) or injury to any shrub, tree or plant or the marring of any monument, stone or structure in any Eddington Cemetery is forbidden.

All persons are reminded that the grounds are sacredly devoted to the burial of the dead and that the provisions and penalties of the law as provided by statute, will be strictly enforced in all cases of wanton injury, disturbance and disregard of the rules.

## **INTERMENTS**

All interments in lots shall be restricted to members of the family. Permission in writing from a lot owner must accompany all requests for permits to bury persons not members of the immediate family. Such permission shall not be for remuneration.

All graves shall be opened and closed by the Town under the direction of the Cemetery Board. A charge for opening and closing a grave and the sodding and seeding of such grave will be made as provided herein.

The lot owner or funeral director shall designate the location of the grave on the lot to the Cemetery Board and any change of location made after the opening of the grave has begun shall be at the expense of the lot owner. The Cemetery Board shall be given twenty-four hours notice for the opening and preparation of the grave prior to interment. An additional charge as provided herein may be made for a service on Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

No interment of any body other than that of a human being will be permitted.

The interment of two bodies in one single grave space will not be allowed, except in case of mother and infant, twin children or two children buried at the same time, or two cremated remains.

In all interments the casket shall be enclosed in a permanent outside container. The following are considered permanent outside container: concrete boxes, concrete, copper or steel burial vaults, and sectional concrete crypts.

As soon as flowers, wreathes, emblems, etc., used at funerals or placed on graves at other times, become unsightly and faded, they will be removed and no responsibility for their protection or maintenance is assumed.

## **REMOVALS**

Removals of bodies from graves in the cemeteries will only be made by the town in accordance with the requirements of the Statutes of the State. Disinterment fees are the same as burial fees.

Owners or their heirs desiring graves opened shall secure the necessary disinterment permit from the Town Clerk and deliver the same to the cemetery Board. All removals will be made by the Town under the supervision of a licensed funeral director. Any markers or monuments designating the location of an interment shall be removed at the time a disinterment is made.

## **STONE AND MONUMENTAL WORK**

All stone and monumental work shall be subject to the following regulations and requirements:

All memorial foundations shall be placed on solid ground not included in actual grave space except where grave liner is of permanent type and of sufficient strength to support weight of foundation and memorial.

The setting of monuments, stones and markers and the transportation of all tools, material, etc., within the cemetery grounds shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Cemetery Board. Heavily loaded vehicles will not be permitted within the cemeteries when, in the opinion of the Cemetery Board, such vehicles might cause injury to the driveways.

Except when special permission is obtained, all work as outlined above shall be performed during daylight hours Monday through Friday.

Care of markers will be the responsibility of the lot owner unless under perpetual care. Any leveling or raising of markers will be done by the Town upon written request of the owner to the Cemetery Board. Work will be done with due diligence and care. However, the Town assumes no liability for damages or injury to markers while being raised or leveled.

FLUSH MARKERS: All markers shall be set so that the top is flush with the ground.

## **TREES, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS**

All general maintenance in the cemeteries will normally be done by the Town but lot owners may feel free at any time to consult the Cemetery Board regarding matters pertaining to permissible plantings or the general care and upkeep of lots.

No person will be permitted to trim, prune or remove branches from any tree or ornamental shrub in the cemeteries except of his own lot. All work of pruning or trimming trees and shrubs shall be done by the Cemetery Board or under their direction. Upon request, the Cemetery Board will do any pruning needed without charge.

Permission to plant trees or shrubs on lots shall in all cases be obtained from the Cemetery Board and the Town reserves the right to remove any tree, shrub or vine, or any part thereof which may have become unsightly, dangerous or not in keeping with the landscape design. Many plants, especially vines, interfere with the proper care of the lots and graves and injure the grass. Such plants will be removed when found interfering with adjacent lots. All flowerbeds will be cleaned of tender plants after the first frost in the fall. All grass lawn shall be maintained in all cemeteries. No marble chips, bark, gravel or similar material shall be used on any lot. Artificial floral arrangements are allowed only until they become unsightly and then may be removed at the discretion of the Cemetery Board.