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SAINT PATRICK CEMETERY **Merrimack Road - Amherst, New Hampshire**



ST. PATRICK CEMETERY SUPPLEMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

NOTE: This document *St. Patrick Cemetery Supplemental Rules and Regulations* works collaboratively and in association with the document *Diocese of Manchester Cemetery Rules and Regulations*. A printed version of these rules is available at the parish office or can be found on the Diocese of Manchester's website under the "Cemetery Office". <https://www.catholicnh.org/>

OWNERSHIP: St. Patrick Cemetery, Amherst St., Milford, NH is owned by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, NH, a Corporation Sole. The cemetery is operated by St. Patrick Church, Amherst St., Milford, NH.

MEMORIALIZATION: Saint Patrick Cemetery, Amherst St., Milford, NH is dedicated by the Roman Catholic Church, thus establishing it as a religious, spiritual and sacred place. Therefore, only appropriate decorations in harmony with the religious, spiritual and sacred nature of the grounds are allowed on gravesites. Please be respectful of these rules and regulations.

CEMETERY MANAGEMENT: Throughout this document, the term "cemetery management" refers to the Pastor of St. Patrick Church Milford and the Cemetery Sexton.

RECORDS: Refer to the "*License for Burial Purposes*" for more specifics on your particular lot.

HOURS OF OPERATION: The cemetery is closed for the season from December 1 through May 1. At the discretion of the cemetery management, these dates may change depending on weather conditions. Normally, no burials or cremations will take

place during this off-season. No burials or cremations will take place on Sundays or Holidays year- round.

SALES HOURS: Lots are sold during church office hours Monday through Thursday 9 – 12 noon and 1 – 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 – 12 noon. (Lots can be viewed with the Cemetery Sexton by appointment only).

NOTIFICATION FOR BURIAL: The cemetery management requires a minimum of 48 hours notice to make proper arrangements for burial.

LOT SIZE: A regular full-lot size is 10 feet by 40 inches. This includes the 2 foot by 40 inches for the headstone area. Planting and object placement is permissible around the headstone area only after approval by the cemetery management. The cremation lots are 30 inches by 30 inches including headstone area.

NOTE: One full body burial and one (1) cremated remains in a vault OR three (3) cremated remains in vaults with no full body burial is allowed in a full-burial lot. In addition, two infant bodies may be buried in a full lot provided they are not buried over one another. Up to two cremations are allowed in the cremation lot if a large cremation container or appropriate vault is used. **Vaults are required in the cemetery for all full-body burials and cremation burials.**

MONOLITHS, MONUMENTS, FLAT MARKERS AND CORNER MARKERS: The cemetery management has the absolute right to approve the type of monolith, monument or marker, such as the shade, size, design, symbolism, quality, material and location to be placed in the cemetery. All monoliths and headstone monuments must have a

concrete base for support. Monoliths, headstones and flat markers can be of granite, marble or slate. The maximum size for a 12-lot monolith is 4 foot by 4 foot base by 12 foot high. A single burial lot headstone monument may have a maximum base of 36 inch by 22 inch base with a maximum height of 8 feet. A two-lot headstone monument shall be no larger than 72 inch by 22 inch base and a maximum height of 8 feet. A flat marker can be no larger than 18 inches by 30 inches and does not require a concrete base.

In the cremation lot area, a flat headstone can have a maximum base size of 1 foot by 2 foot. Corner markers are desired and they must be granite or metal.

If an item as described above needs to be straightened, repaired, leveled, cleaned or needs lichen removed, the lot owner shall incur the cost of such maintenance. Cemetery management must first approve any work on the monument or site. Any outside worker/contractor performing work in the cemetery must provide proof of insurance with liability coverage of at least \$1,000,000 and property coverage of at least \$100,000 per occurrence. A copy of a current certificate of insurance must be submitted to the cemetery office and be approved by cemetery management prior to any work being performed.

RIGHT TO REMOVE: If any monolith, monument, marker or other material becomes unsightly or unsafe, the cemetery management shall have the right to correct the condition or remove the item at the owner's expense.

LANDSCAPING: In accordance with *the Diocese of Manchester, Cemetery Rules and Regulations*, the following shall apply. Permission is required by cemetery management in order to plant anything.

ORNAMENTS AND FLOWER VASES – The right is reserved to regulate the method of decoration of lots (plots) so that uniform beauty may be maintained. The use of statues, boxes, shells, coins, gourds, toys, metal designs, ornaments, vases, glass, plastic, concrete, vigil lights, or crockery jars and containers, wood or metal cases, potted plants, etc., shall not be permitted on any lot (plot) and such articles shall be removed by the cemetery management.

Memorial Day floral arrangements and/or decorations must be placed on the base of the monument or placed on an extension to the base. Memorial Day floral arrangements and/or decoration may be placed seven (7) days before Memorial Day is observed and removed from the cemetery by June 10th after. Votive candles are not permitted due to vandalism and fire.

The lot owner may plant only dwarf shrubs, annuals flowers and perennials on their lot and only with permission from the cemetery management. The planting area shall be in the headstone area only (on both sides and in front). The lot owner shall maintain, water, trim, remove dead flowers, and prune as required to maintain an appropriate appearance. **The planting of trees, large shrubs or hedges is not permitted.** The cemetery management can direct the removal of any shrub or plant that looks unsightly, is dead, or in an inappropriate location at the owner's expense. No existing tree or shrub can be cut down without the approval of the cemetery management.

Benches, curbing, fencing and enclosures are not permitted.

Evergreen wreaths are only permitted from November 1 through May 1, provided they are discarded properly when they become dead or unsightly.

The placement of veteran flags is done from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day each year. The placement of

veteran wreaths is done during Thanksgiving week. Currently, designated individuals are responsible for these flags.

USE OF CEMETERY:

VISITORS to the cemetery are allowed on the avenues and the grass to gain access to one's lot. Cemetery management expressly disclaims liability for any injuries sustained by visitors. Visitors are asked to keep the property in a safe and undamaged condition.

CHILDREN – No child under fifteen (15) years of age is permitted without proper adult supervision.

ANIMALS AND PETS – Animals and pets are not permitted on the cemetery grounds.

MOTOR VEHICLES – Vehicles must be kept under control with speeds not to exceed 5 miles per hour. Vehicles may park on the avenues.

CONDUCT AT THE CEMETERY:

Because St. Patrick Cemetery is sacred ground:

GENERAL – Skateboards and/or rollerblades are prohibited.

PERSON – Any individual who is intoxicated, disorderly, or disturbing others will be asked to leave. If the individual refuses, the Police may be notified.

METAL DETECTORS – Metal detectors are prohibited on cemetery grounds.

DAMAGE OR THEFT – The cemetery management is not responsible for damage caused by natural disasters, theft, wildlife or any unforeseen circumstance. In addition, the cemetery management is not liable for personal injury or loss at the cemetery.

ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR INTERMENT

OR INURNMENT: By law, a burial permit is required for all interments. The permit shall be given to the cemetery management at the time of interment. By no means shall the cemetery management or staff be liable the accuracy of the information contained in the burial permit or in the identity of the person interred. In the event an error should occur in the license to bury, the cemetery management or staff shall have the right to correct the license. No disinterment or removal of a body will be permitted except for good reason and with permission given in writing and upon receipt of a permit.

The cemetery management is not liable for any orders given or any errors occurring in the location where interment is to be made.

The internment of cremated remains shall be the same as a full body burial. The cremated remains must be placed in a vault.

ENFORCEMENT: The cemetery management and staff have the authority to enforce these rules and regulations for the proper care and safety of the cemetery.

APPLICATION OF RULES: These rules and regulations apply to all lots, all those who hold a lot, and all visitors to the cemeteries. These rules and regulations may be amended, revised, or supplemented as changing conditions dictate by the cemetery management.

Sources:

Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire:

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Guidelines for Christian Funerals,

Cremations and Burials

Parish Funerals and Christian Burial