

Groveland Cemetery Association

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Rules and Regulations

1. **LOT SALES.** Burial spaces are sold on a cash basis. An individual grave must be fully paid for before it can be used for burial or have a marker installed on it. For a full size grave, interment of up to 4 deceased persons is allowed (one casket and 3 urns, or 4 urns). For a cremation grave, up to 2 urns are allowed.
2. **CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP.** A Certificate of Ownership will be issued for each lot or lots purchased. Description of cemetery property will be in accordance with cemetery plats which are kept on file with the cemetery association.
3. **OWNERSHIP AND RESALE.** If the original owner has not bequeathed or willed his property, the ownership shall descend in the order prescribed by state statute upon the owner's death. The Association may, at the Association's option, repurchase vacant graves at a mutually agreeable price. If the owner sells his/or her lot or grave(s) to another party, the Cemetery must be informed of the sale and the change of ownership recorded in the Cemetery records. A small charge will be made. Trading a vacant grave for a new location within the cemetery will require paying the difference between the cost of the original grave and the cost of the new grave.
4. **BURIAL PERMITS.** If the deceased is the property owner of record, no additional permission for burial is required. If the deceased is not the property owner of record, or an immediate family member, an affidavit of ownership, supplied by the Association, is required. A burial permit issued by the funeral director or mortician, or a cremation certificate issued by the crematory, must be given to the Association at the time of interment. Permits are kept on file with the cemetery association.
5. **BURIAL OPTIONS.** **Traditional:** The casket must be enclosed in a concrete burial box or vault. The burial of two vaults (one on top of the other) is not allowed. A parent and child may be buried in one casket. **Natural or Hybrid Green Burials:** The casket or shroud must be made of all biodegradable material such as wicker, bamboo, wood or cardboard and there is no vault. Embalming fluid is not permitted, unless certified by the Green Burial Council. Lowering may be done by ropes with 4-6 pall bearers or a mechanical set up by a vault company. The opening will be dug by machines at 6 feet deep and an additional fee will be added to the interment fee to cover future maintenance costs. **Cremation Burials:** Cremains may be enclosed in a suitable non-perishable or biodegradable container for in-ground burial. All interment fees must be paid just before or at time of burial.
6. **DISINTERMENTS.** Written permission of the lot owner or the next of kin shall be filed with the Association, a permit from the Minnesota Department of Health shall be secured and presented, and the required fees paid before any grave may be opened for any purpose. At least one week's notice must be given prior to any disinterment. This provision does not apply to cremated cremains or when disinterment is ordered by a duly authorized public authority.
7. **PLANTINGS.** The planting of flowers, both annuals and perennials, is allowed. Individual urns, plant holders and in-ground vases are allowed but they must not protrude into walkways, alleys or neighboring graves. Plants in clay or plastic pots must be in plant stands. Plant pots must be removed for the winter by October 15th. Any left after October 15th will be removed by the caretakers. Plant stands that do not have a flower pot by June 15th will be removed. The Association will not be held responsible for loss or damage. Glass jars or tin cans are not allowed. In-ground plantings are highly recommended by the Association, but they must be limited to no more than two square feet per individual grave and must be planted immediately next to the bottom of the marker or monument. Full grave plantings already in place may be permitted to remain at the discretion of the Trustees. No plantings of any kind are allowed in the alleyways at the head or the foot of

the grave. **Plastic flowers, decorations and unsightly items are not allowed on graves at any time and will be removed without prior notice and discarded.** Decorations and unsightly items include personal mementos, statues, shepherd hooks, wind socks, balloons, pinwheels, stuffed animals, pumpkins, food and other items deemed unacceptable by the Association. Trees and shrubbery may be planted only with the express approval of the Trustees and must conform to the current published Groveland Cemetery Tree and Shrub Policy.

8. **WINTER WREATHS.** Fresh evergreen wreaths only (**not artificial**) are permitted during the winter season. Wreath stands are available for use. Families installing their own wreaths are required to remove them by spring cleanup (generally around the 15th of March) or when they become unsightly. Do not put them in the cemetery trash containers. Those not removed by spring cleanup will be removed by the caretakers.
9. **MARKERS.** – Markers must be of a non-corroding material such as bronze or granite. Markers must not be made or constructed of limestone, sandstone, marble or any artificial material.
 - Upright markers are allowed on full size east-west facing graves in all 8 sections. Double size markers are allowed on two graves side by side. For a full size regular grave, up to two markers are allowed, including veteran markers. Only one marker per grave may be an upright marker. For a cremation lot, one flat marker is allowed.
 - Markers must be installed by an approved monument company. A sketch of any new upright monument is to be approved by the cemetery Administrator prior to the order being placed. It is the responsibility of the supplier to obtain data from the Cemetery as to the location and size of the grave. A charge for marking the location will be made.
 - In-ground markers must be installed flush with the surrounding turf. All markers, including upright markers, must have a four inch (4") wide border (wash) of good grade concrete on all four sides. Marker and wash may not extend beyond the boundaries of an individual grave (or graves in the case of a double size marker on more than one grave), and must be aligned with neighboring markers. Markers with concrete borders furnished by the manufacturer in advance of installation in the cemetery will be permitted.
 - If the person(s) are deceased, the marker must be installed after burial.
 - The cemetery is not responsible for damage to the cement border or the marker due to vandalism, tree roots, uneven settling over time, acts of God, or any other cause.
10. **PERPETUAL CARE.** Perpetual care and cemetery upkeep is limited to keeping the grass mowed during the growing season and the roadways free of snow in the winter. Care of trees, fences, gates and general upkeep is also the responsibility of the Association. Care of individual plantings, planters, tree signs and trimming around stones and markers is the responsibility of the owners. Spring cleanup and restoration of winter graves starts about March 15th, depending upon the weather. Fall cleanup starts about October 15th. Potted plants must be removed by their owners at that time. Potted plants not removed by the owners will be removed by the caretakers and discarded. Groveland Cemetery will not be responsible for any damage or loss.
11. **SPECIAL CASES.** Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardships. The Association reserves the right to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications of any of these rules and regulations, when in the judgment of the Association such action appears necessary. Such temporary exception, suspension or modification shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of such rules and regulations.
12. **OMISSIONS AND ERRORS.** The Association shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made, or in the past have been made by it, in interments or disinterments or in the description or transfer of title to cemetery lots or to other property it may sell. If such conditions cannot be readily corrected, the Association shall have the right to cancel such conveyance and to substitute other property of equal value and similar location insofar as possible, or may at the sole discretion of the Association, refund all moneys paid.
13. **CHANGES.** The Association reserves the right to amend these rules and regulations in order to promote the general objectives and best interests of the cemetery, and is not required to give notice of such intended action. The Association also reserves the right to remove all monuments, markers, flowers, plants, trees, decorations or other similar objects without liability to the owner whenever any of these objects become unsafe or unsightly. Effective
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