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**RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
TOWN OF ORRINGTON CEMETERIES
ORRINGTON, MAINE**

FORWARD

It is the desire of the Town of Orrington to make the Town of Orrington Cemeteries a quiet, resting place for the dead where a sense of repose will be obtained by dignified landscape effects on a well-maintained lawn. To secure these effects, the Town of Orrington has spent, and will continue to expend, considerable sums of money. The preservation of these effects will require the cooperation of every lot owner. Anything which would mar the general beauty and harmony of the cemetery must be avoided. Peace and good order must prevail, and the sacredness of this place must be maintained at all times. It is to this end that these rules and regulations have been made effective.

PURCHASE OF LOTS

Persons desiring to purchase lots in the cemetery are referred to the Town of Orrington. The Town of Orrington will have available plot plans showing size and price of lots, and other information that may be required. The Town will render assistance to those desiring to make a lot purchase. Having made a lot selection, the prospective purchaser, will be issued a lot order. The lot sale will be made and the deed issued. The Town of Orrington will act as the Treasurer of the Town of Orrington Cemeteries.

OWNERSHIP AND TITLE OF LOTS

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

Upon full payment of a lot, the Town of Orrington will issue a Cemetery Deed under its seal, and the deed will be recorded in the records of the Town of Orrington.

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 any such persons as they choose to admit in accordance with the Town of Orrington Rules and Regulations.

CARE OF LOTS

All cemetery lots in the Town of Orrington Cemeteries may be provided with perpetual or endowed care, and all future lot sales shall be made with perpetual or endowed care at the rate herein specified. Present owners of lots may secure perpetual or endowed care of the lots in the

older portions of the cemetery. Payment would be made to the Town of Orrington.

The term "Perpetual or Endowed Care" shall mean the obligation which the Town of Orrington assumes. The "Perpetual or Endowed Care" endowment is set aside for mowing grass, raking, and cleaning lots. It is understood that such expenditures shall be made at the discretion and under the direction of the Town of Orrington and that the Town of Orrington shall not be bound to make any other obligation. A separate investment of the sum of money set aside as the perpetual or endowed care fund of the Town of Orrington shall be made. The proceeds therefrom used by the Town of Orrington in a manner as heretofore provides. Nothing herein shall be construed as modifying the existing contracts as to perpetual or endowed care.

PRIVILEGES AND RESTRICTIONS

No mounds shall be raised on any grave above the general level of the lot. The Town of Orrington reserves the right to remove unsightly mounds and to re-sod the grave.

General maintenance and work on lots paid by perpetual care payments will be done by the Town of Orrington. Lot owners should feel free to consult the Town of Orrington at all times. Their advice and assistance will be received as it may be of value to those contemplating the purchase of monumental work or other lot improvements.

The Town of Orrington reserves the right for its workmen, and other persons necessary to the performance of normal operations, to enter upon or cross any lot in the cemetery in the performance of duties.

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

RULES FOR VISITING

The cemetery will be open to visitors at all times between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and sunset. Permission to enter the cemetery at any other time must be obtained from the Town of Orrington. Any person found on the grounds after dark will be considered a trespasser.

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

Firearms will not be allowed in the cemetery except at military funerals and other official Celebrations such as Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, etc..

Snowmobiles, motorbikes, bicycles, and other off-highway vehicles will not be allowed in the cemetery. Visitors are required to use the walks and drives at the cemetery.

The cemetery shall be closed to vehicle traffic during winter months for reasons of safety.

The picking of any flowers (either wild or cultivated), the injury to any shrub, tree, or plant, or the marring of any monument, stone, or structure in the Town of Orrington Cemeteries is forbidden,

All persons are reminded that the grounds are devoted to the burial of the dead and that the provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by statute, will be strictly enforced.

INTERMENT'S

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 under the direction of the Cemetery Sexton. 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 Sexton. Any change of location made after the opening of the grave has begun shall be at the expense of the lot owner. The Sexton shall be given twenty-four hour notice for the opening and preparation of the grave prior to the interment. An additional charge may be made for a service on a 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 the case of mother and infant, twin children, two children buried at the same time, or two cremated remains.

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

All permanent outside containers shall be buried 24-30 inches below ground level if at all possible. All grave locations on said lots shall be given to the sexton to be plotted on the maps. So that future generations do not dig up burial plots by accident

As soon as flowers, wreaths, emblems, etc., used at funerals or placed on a grave at other times, become unsightly and faded, they will be removed. No responsibility for protection or maintenance is assumed.

REMOVALS

Removals of bodies from graves in the cemetery will only be made by the Town in accordance with the requirements of the Statutes of the State. Charges made by the Sexton for removal will be made in accordance with the difficulty of the work and are paid in advance.

Owners or their heirs desiring graves opened shall secure the necessary disinterment permit from the Town Clerk. 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 Town of Orrington. Heavily loaded vehicles will not be permitted within the cemetery when, in the opinion of the Town of Orrington, such vehicles might cause injury to the driveways.

All work as outlined above shall be performed during daylight hours Monday through Friday except when special permission is obtained.

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 of Orrington upon written request of the owner to the Town of Orrington. Work will be done with due diligence and care. However, the Town of Orrington assumes no liability for damage or injury to markers that occurs while they are raised or leveled.

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

TREES AND SHRUBS AND FLOWERS

All general maintenance in the cemetery will normally be done by the Town of Orrington or its designee. Lot owners may consult with the Town of Orrington regarding matters pertaining to permissible planting's 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 cemetery except on his own lot. All work of pruning or trimming trees and shrubs shall be done by the Town of Orrington or under its direction. Upon request, the Town of Orrington will do any pruning needed without charge.

Permission to plant shrubs on lots shall in all cases be obtained from the Town of

Orrington and the Town of Orrington reserves the right to remove any 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 flower beds will be cleaned of plants after the first frost in the fall. A grass lawn will be maintained in the cemetery. No marble chips, gravel, or similar material shall be used on any lot.

FEES, CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

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

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

	<u>LOT PRICE</u>	<u>PERPETUAL CARE</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
Double Grave	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$700.00

Interments

All interments will be made under the direction of the Sexton. A schedule of charges will be on file at the Town Office.

Disinterment:

Charges for opening graves to permit removal will be made in accordance with the difficulty of the work and are payable in advance. A minimum charge of \$125.00 will be made for disinterments.

Town of Orrington Cemeteries

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