

Cemetery Commission Rules & Regulations

Assignment of Lots:

This is the exclusive duty of the Cemetery Commission

Perpetual Care:

Our policy is to assign lots only to residents or former residents and tax payers, and to people who were born and raised here.

- The cost is \$100 per grave for residents of Orford, NH
- The cost for Non-residents in a new lot is \$750 per grave
- A former resident of Orford who resides in a nursing home or similar situation at the time of death is technically considered a resident

Internments:

- Internments in all Cemeteries are required to have vaults, liners or metal cases
- Ashes must be in urns
- Burial in a family lot must be accompanied with a permission from members of the family

Monuments:

- Four corner stones must be provided when a lot is selected and granted
- Simple granite stones with or without initials are to be placed at ground level by the Commission
- Headstones may be placed on a grave at ground level – these are installed by the Commission
- Above ground monuments must first be approved by the Commission
- A drawing with dimensions must be presented before a monument is ordered
- The Commission will locate the monument on the lot and excavate the area. The lot owner will be billed for this service at \$2.50 a cubic foot
- Foundations for above ground monuments must project at least two (2) inches on all sides and shall be no less than thirty (30) inches deep
- Only one (1) above ground monument is allowed for each lot

Work:

- All materials not carried by hand must be moved over lots on planking
- Monumental materials or apparatus must not obstruct avenues or paths and will not be permitted to enter the Cemetery until the foundation is completed and the contractor is ready to proceed with the work of erecting the monument

Repair:

- Injury to avenues, paths or other parts of the Cemetery by contractors or by visitors must be repaired to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, and at the expense of those causing the damage
- The Commission may deny persons causing any damage or injury access to the Cemetery
- Rubbish must be removed when any work is completed

Requests:

Requests for internments must be made to the Commission as soon as possible

The Cemetery:

- Planting of trees, shrubs or perennials must be approved by the Commissioners
- In order that the Cemetery will look orderly at all times, in accordance with families of those buried there, all plantings will be cared for by the Commission, pruned and/or removed
- All flowers, both artificial and fresh will be removed once they have become unsightly
- Artificial flowers must be removed by November 1st of any year - there after they will be disposed of by the Commission

Rules:

- The Commission shall cause the arrest of and prosecution of all persons violating these Rules & Regulations or committing any nuisance of any sort within the Cemetery grounds
- Any person or persons violating any of the above rules shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof
- In cases not provided for otherwise in the Public Laws of New Hampshire shall be liable to a fund of not more than \$20 for each offense

Vehicles:

- Motor vehicles of any description shall not be permitted to enter or park in the Orford Cemeteries after sundown
- Skimobiles or any off-terrain vehicles are not permitted to enter the grounds of the Orford Cemeteries

Children:

- Children entering the Cemetery grounds must be accompanied by an adult.
- Playing in the Cemeteries is forbidden
- Our cemeteries are very old – the stones are not all on secure foundations – if toppled could cause severe injury.
- The Commission declares no liability in case of injury