

HALIFAX CENTRAL CEMETERY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) **If the owner or owners of burial rights dies, then ownership of the burial rights shall vest in his/her heirs at law or devisees, subject to the limitation and conditions as imposed by Chapter 114, Section 29 of the Mass General Laws.**
- 2) **The transfer of burial rights on any grave or lot must be reported to the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk or Cemetery Superintendent and shall be subject to a recording fee. If there is no perpetual care on the transferred lot, perpetual care must be paid at the rates in force at the time of transfer.**
- 3) **A lot or plot may be sold back to the town at the same amount that it was originally bought for and placed back for sale at the going rate of the current time. If a private sale of a lot or plot is made the seller must sell at the rate it was originally bought for and approved by the Cemetery Superintendent and or the Board of Selectman.**
- 4) **It shall be the duty of the owner of burial rights to notify the Town Clerk or Cemetery Superintendent of any change in his/her address. Notice sent to burial rights owner at the last address on file in the Town Clerks office shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notification for all purposes.**
- 5) **In Section A, B, C, F owners of four (4) grave or larger lots, their heirs or assigns, shall have the right to erect not more than one (1) main upright monument in the center of the lot. All markers and headstones shall be flush with ground level, except where in there has been a lot pattern set, which may be followed. Owners of less than four (4) graves, their heirs or assigns, shall have the right to set flush markers only. Section D & E owners of one (1) grave or larger lots their heirs or assigns shall have the right to erect one (1) main upright monument. The base size shall be determined by the following schedule:**

Section A, B, C, D, F	1 Grave Lot	30" x 12" Base or smaller
	2 or more Grave Lot	48" x 12" Base or smaller

Section E	1 Grave Lot	36" x 12" Base or smaller
	2 or more Grave Lot	42" x 12" Base or smaller

Monument cannot exceed 36" in height.

All markers and monuments shall have a suitable concrete foundation constructed by the Cemetery Department and subject to the schedule of charges.

- 6) **Sections A, B, C, D, F shall have no plantings on the backside of monuments. No planting allowed around flush markers. All plantings other than permanent shrubs or evergreens must be within 12" of the front of the monument. All permanent shrubs or evergreens must be placed an equal distance from the side of the monument to the nearest lot line. All permanent plantings shall be subject to a perpetual care charge as determined by schedule of charges. The Cemetery Superintendent shall be notified before any permanent plantings.**
- 7) **It is the responsibility of the lot owner to maintain and must not allow any plantings to become overgrown or cover any lot other than their own. Anything that overgrows a monument or grows over a lot line will be removed. The Cemetery Dept. will attempt to notify the lot owner prior to removal.**

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- 8) Section E shall not have any permanent planting of flowers, shrubs, or evergreens. Potted flowers may be placed within 12" on either side of the headstone. (Must be able to move for future burials.)**
- 9) No coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, grave mounds, borders or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed on or around any lot or grave.**
- 10) There are no shepherd hooks, hanging of chimes, glass receptacles or fragile mementos of any kind.**
- 11) Personal mementos placed on the grave, base or headstone is done at your own risk of being damaged or going missing and not the responsibility of the Cemetery.**
- 12) Acting in the best interest of the Halifax Cemetery Department and the Selectman, the Cemetery Superintendent has the authority to remove any object or objects placed on a grave or on the cemetery grounds which is offensive, improper, unsafe and detrimental to the general appearance of the cemetery and will be removed without notice.**
- 13) The Cemetery Superintendent may also request objects to be removed from any lot or grave that does not conform to these rules and regulations. We will leave a letter for 7 days if the item is not removed within the 7 days, we will remove the item and tag it with date and name on headstone and hold it for no more than 6 months.**
- 14) Holiday decorations may remain on graves for 15 days after the holiday. If not removed within the 15 days, the Cemetery Dept. will remove and discard items.**
- 15) There shall be no burials on Sundays or Holidays.**
- 16) The Cemetery Superintendent or Board of Selectmen may waive any of these regulations as not to endanger the Cemetery workers or equipment and does not adversely affect another lot owner.**