

# *Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association*

PO Box 78, Chester, NJ 07930

## **RULES and REGULATIONS**

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### **INTERMENTS AND DISINTERMENTS**

- 1. All arrangements for burial or purchase of interment privileges made by a plot holder through a funeral director or other agent shall be binding on said plot holder.**
- 2. The Cemetery Trustees shall not be responsible for any order given by telephone or any mistake occurring from the lack of proper instructions as to the size of the casket, or as to the particular grave location where interment is to be made. The Cemetery Authorities reserve the right to make an equitable charge whenever additional labor costs result from such mistakes.**
- 3. The Cemetery Trustees shall be in no way liable for any delay in the interment of a body where a protest to the interment has been made, or where the rules and regulations have not been complied with, or where said rules and regulations shall forbid such interment.**
- 4. The deed for the plot in which the interment is taking place must be presented to the Cemetery Authorities.**
- 5. The Cemetery Trustees shall not be liable for the burial permit or responsible for the accuracy of the data contained in said permit or for the identity of the person to be interred.**
- 6. All burials must be with a concrete box or vault.**
- 7. All funerals, on reaching the Cemetery shall be under the supervision of the Cemetery Management.**
- 8. The Cemetery Trustees shall exercise due caution in making a disinterment and removal, but they shall assume no liability for the damage to any casket or burial case incurred in making the disinterment.**
- 9. All interments and disinterments subject to these rules and regulations shall also be subject to the orders and laws of the properly constituted authorities of the city, county and state relating to the same.**
- 10. No interments or disinterments shall be permitted on Sundays, or on any of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day and such other days as the Cemetery Trustees may from time to time designate. The only deviation from this rule is by order of the Board of Health.**
- 11. The right is reserved by the Association to insist upon at least two days notice before any interment, and at last one week's notice prior to any disinterment.**
- 12. A written order from the plot owner or legal representative giving the name, age, place of birth, marital status, place and cause of death, and late residence, of every person interred, shall be filed at the Cemetery Office at the time of interment, together with the name and address of the person now holding the deed to the plot.**

13. No deed shall be issued nor any memorial placed on any plot not fully paid for. No interments may be made in any plot for which payment is not up to date.
14. No re-sale or transfer of any plot shall be permitted except to the Cemetery Trustees by the plot holder or his legal representative.
15. No plot owner may permit burials in his plot for remuneration.
16. No grave shall be dug except by employees or contractors of the cemetery. The Cemetery Trustees reserve the right to temporarily place earth on an adjoining plot when a grave is being opened.
17. Not more than one body shall be interred in any grave with the exception of Cremated Remains.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO PLOT HOLDERS**

1. No coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, borders, or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around the plot. The Cemetery Trustees reserve the right without prior notice to remove same if so erected, planted or placed.
2. If the deed for the lot or grave has been lost or mislaid an affidavit sworn to before a Notary Public must be presented in which the person claiming rights to interment privileges in said plot must identify himself, establish his rights to said plot, and state that no other party has prior or equal rights to said plot.
3. All grading, landscaping work and improvements of any kind, and all care of plots, shall be done by Cemetery Trustees.
4. Children under fifteen years of age are not permitted within the cemetery unless accompanied by proper persons to take care of them.
5. Animals shall not be allowed in the cemetery or in any buildings of the cemetery, except those assisting the disabled.

#### **SERVICE CHARGES AND PAYMENTS**

The Cemetery Trustees shall have the right to fix a charge and time of payment for each interment, disinterment, plot transferred or returned, and for the performance of any other service rendered by the cemetery and all work in connection with such service shall be subject to the determination and supervision of the Cemetery Trustees.

#### **LOSS OR DAMAGE**

1. The Cemetery Trustees disclaim all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond their reasonable control, and especially from damage by an act of God, the elements, earthquakes, war, common enemy, air raids, invasions, insurrections, riots, order of any military or civil authority, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, unavoidable accidents, or any cause similar or dissimilar beyond the control of the Cemetery Trustees whether the damage be direct or collateral. In the event it becomes necessary to reconstruct or repair any section or plot including graves or any portion or portions thereof in the cemetery, which have been damaged by such causes, the Cemetery Trustees shall give a 10 day written notice of the necessity for such repair to the plot holder of record. The notice shall be given by depositing the same in the

United States mail with postage thereon duly prepaid, addressed to the plot holder of record at his or her address stated on the books of the Cemetery Authorities.

2. In the event the plot holder fails to repair the damage within a reasonable time the Cemetery Trustees may direct that the repairs be made and charge the expense against the plot and to the plot holder of record.

#### **PLOT HOLDER'S CHANGE IN ADDRESS**

It shall be the duty of the plot holder to notify the Cemetery Trustees of any change in his post office address. Notice sent to a plot holder at the last address in the Cemetery records shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notification.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- A. **MARKERS** - A stone or plaque not larger than fourteen inches by twenty-six inches, to mark individual graves in a plot For the cremation section, markers must be one foot by two feet (1x2) and may be either granite or bronze, with or without a vase. Flowers will only be permitted in a vase which must be part of the marker.
- B. **MONUMENTS** - Must be granite or marble and the base used must be of like material and the base may be no higher than eight inches *and the total height of the monument and base shall not exceed thirty-eight (38) inches.*

#### **MONUMENTS AND MARKER DEALERS**

1. The Cemetery Trustees will prepare all foundations and fix charges for same.
2. The location and position in which a memorial is to be placed or erected on a plot shall be entirely subject to the approval and under the supervision of the Cemetery Trustees.
3. Only one central or family monument shall be permitted on a plot. The length of the base shall not exceed sixty percent of the width of the plot.
4. Corner posts must be flush with the ground.
5. All markers in the baby section shall be flush with the ground with a minimum size of 9"x12".
6. Non-cemetery workers engaged in placing or erecting monuments or other structures are prohibited from scattering their material over adjoining plots, or from blocking roads or walks, or from leaving their material on the grounds longer than is absolutely necessary.
7. Mausoleums or tombs either wholly or partially above ground shall be constructed only in plots so designated by the Cemetery Trustees.
8. Monument dealers must have a cemetery work order filled out in full.
9. No monument may be erected until the foundation charge has been paid to the cemetery.

#### **RIGHT TO REPLAT**

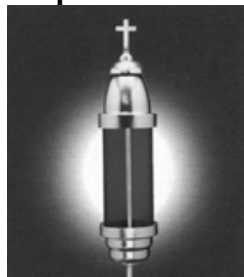
1. The following rights and privileges are hereby expressly reserved to the Cemetery Trustees to be exercised at any time or from time to time for the erection of buildings,

or for any purpose or use connected with, incident to, or convenient for, the care of, preservation of, or preparation for the disposal or interment of, human dead bodies or other cemetery purpose:

- a. To resurvey, enlarge, diminish, replat, alter, in shape or size, or otherwise to change all or any part or portion of the cemetery.
  - b. To lay out, establish, close, eliminate, or otherwise modify or change, the location of roads, walks, or drives, provided ingress and egress to and from any plot is preserved or is allocated to the plot holder.
2. The following rights and privileges are hereby expressly reserved to the Cemetery Trustees to be exercised at any time or from time to time:
- a. Easements and rights of way over and through all of said cemetery premises for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating, pipe lines, conduits or drains for sprinklers, drainage, electric or communication lines or for any other cemetery purpose.

## **FLORAL REGULATIONS**

1. No vines, shrubbery, trees or ground covers of any kind shall be allowed on the plot. The Cemetery Trustees reserve the right without prior notice to remove same if so erected, planted or placed.
2. All flower beds shall be no more than 12 inches from the front and side of the monument Cemetery Trustees shall not be liable for flowers not planted in flower beds.
3. The Cemetery Trustees shall have the authority to remove all funeral flowers and designs from the cemetery as soon as in the judgment of the caretaker, they become unsightly. Floral frames when removed from the plot, unless called for within five days by the person entitled to them may be disposed of by the Cemetery Trustees in any manner they see fit.
4. Glass containers are prohibited in the cemetery at all times. The Cemetery Authorities reserve the right to remove same if so placed.
5. The right is reserved to regulate the method of decorations of plots so that uniform beauty may be maintained. The use of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, artificial decorations, vases, glass or crockery jars and containers, wood or metal cases, barriers, etc., shall not be permitted on any plot and such articles shall be removed by Cemetery Trustees.
6. Plot holders are allowed one vigil light, which must be centered in the front of the monument, with the bottom of the light no greater than three inches above the ground. The Cemetery Trustees reserve the right to remove and dispose of them when they become unsightly or broken. The approved style of Vigil Light is shown below. They are available at most monument companies and on the internet.



## **IN GENERAL**

- 1. The statement of any employee of the cemetery shall not be binding upon the Cemetery Trustees except as such statement coincides with the document conveying the right of interment and these rules and regulations.**
- 2. The Cemetery Trustees reserve the right without notice to make temporary exceptions, suspensions, or modifications in any of these rules and regulations when in their judgment the same appear advisable; and such temporary exception, suspension, or modification shall in no way be considered as affecting the general application of such rule.**
- 3. In all matters not specifically covered by these rules and regulations the Cemetery Trustees reserve the right to do anything which in their judgment is deemed reasonable under the circumstances and such decision shall be binding upon the plot holder and all parties concerned.**
- 4. The Cemetery Trustees reserve the right at any time and from time to time to change, amend, alter, repeal, rescind, or add to these rules and regulations or any part thereof, or to adopt any new rule or regulations with respect to said cemetery or anything pertaining thereto.**
- 5. New or changed rules will be posted in the Cemetery Office for a period of thirty days prior to their adoption and such notice shall be considered complete and sufficient announcement of the said change.**
- 6. No hunting or passing through the Cemetery grounds for the purpose of hunting on neighboring grounds will be permitted.**
- 7. Persons will be allowed within the Cemetery confines only during daylight hours.**