

# ROSE HILL MEMORIAL PARK

## RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING CEMETERY LAND, BURIAL LOTS AND MEMORIAL MARKERS

1. Rose Hill Memorial Park, Inc. is a non-profit, nonstock corporation under the laws of the State of Connecticut.
2. Rose Hill Memorial Park, Inc. owns the land, buildings, roads, trees, flowers, shrubbery, lawns, statuary and equipment, including trucks and mowers used to maintain and preserve the internment area.
3. By making a purchase in Rose Hill Memorial Park, you become the owner of internment rights only in a cemetery lot; you do not own the land. By acceptance of your lot internment rights ownership certificate, the owner(s) thereof, agree for themselves and for his/her respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns that the therein granted right of internment are and shall be subject to existing and future provisions made by the Board of Trustees of Rose Hill Memorial Park, Inc.
4. Rose Hill Memorial Park, Inc. was organized in accordance with the provisions of the General Statutes of Connecticut and therefore cannot be conducted for the purpose of speculation in cemetery lots and property, or for private gain, either directly or indirectly, to any of the members of said Association.
5. Cemetery Associations having the care of cemeteries, may enact by-laws providing for the care and management of all burial lots and the protection of all shrubs, trees, fences, monuments and may appoint superintendents and sextons for such cemeteries who shall have the exclusive right to direct as to the openings of graves, and no grave shall be opened in any cemetery except with the consent of the superintendent or sexton.
6. It is with permission of Rose Hill Memorial Park that memorials are placed upon the graves. The Trustees of Rose Hill Memorial Park establish the lines and the size of all memorials and have determined that installation of memorials will take place when weather conditions permit in the judgment of the Superintendent. All memorials shall be set only by employees of Rose Hill Memorial Park. Rose Hill Memorial Park, Inc. will set all prices according to size for memorial installation. Rose Hill Memorial Park requires the use of an application process to be made by everyone wishing to place a memorial marker in the park. This application includes specific details about the marker, including a copy of the design requested. Only a "brick and mortar" vendor may be used, as the Trustees of the Rose Hill Memorial Park does not allow the use of online companies to purchase memorials. All bronze memorials will have a metal analysis conforming to the standards set by Rose Hill Memorial Park. The park reserves the right to reject an application for any reason including; it is the judgement of the Board of Trustees that it is inconsistent with the aesthetics of the cemetery, and the language requested on the marker. The Board (as of 2017) does not allow for vases or raised photographs to be placed on a marker. Once the marker has been installed by Rose Hill Memorial Park, there is no further responsibility for it.
7. As provided by law all funeral processions and parking within the confines of this cemetery as well as gatherings at graveside and actual committal service shall be subject to the control of the Board of Trustees of Rose Hill Memorial Park, Inc., and its duly appointed representatives.
8. By purchasing internment rights and/or a memorial marker, you agree to allow ONLY the employees of Rose Hill Memorial Park, Inc. to maintain the grounds. You may not do lawn work

around the lots, remove or try to “fix” the marker, or add anything to the marker once it is installed. You may not place items that can cause harm and unsafe conditions to the employees or general public, such as stones, around the marker.

9. All those visiting Rose Hill Memorial Park do so at their own risk. There are 140 acres of property that have areas that require visitors to be cognizant of many items, such as tree roots, uneven ground, uneven roads, flat bronze markers that are raised and/or sinking, and grave tributes that are not in compliance with the cemetery polices. While the cemetery does not lock its gates, visitors are advised not to visit any time after dusk. All guests should take note of their surroundings and contact the local police, or dial 911, if they feel they are in danger in the cemetery. No one shall hold the cemetery or any other Rose Hill entities liable for getting hurt unless there is absolute misconduct such as: grave left open and not clearly marked, or willful neglect by staff for a visitor’s injury.
10. There shall be allowed in any single grave space in Rose Hill Memorial Park the remains (including expressly the cremains) of only one deceased person. Only one memorial shall be allowed per grave space.
11. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to make changes to any of the rules above for any reason that they believe necessary to do so, such as, but not limited to, issues surrounding viruses/pandemics, or the health, or safety and well-being of staff and/or the public.
12. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to conflict with any applicable provision of the Connecticut General Statutes.

#### FLORAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. One 12” pot with a handle or one log planter with a handle will be allowed per grave.
2. Pot must conform to cemetery policy – ANY color plastic pot with removable handle.
3. You may place anything you wish in the pot (plants, stones, flags, other memorials)
4. Nothing will be allowed to be placed outside the planter, with the exception of the American Flag (in a flag holder or not).
5. Shepherd Hooks are prohibited everywhere.
6. Only natural plants are allowed from March 15<sup>th</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>
7. All grave tributes should be removed by March 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure that the grounds crew does not throw away your tribute. However, the time frame of spring and fall clean-up is at the sole discretion of the cemetery staff. Spring clean-up is completed when the grass growing season begins. Fall clean-up is completed by the time frame the cemetery superintendent, based on when the majority of leaves have fallen, weather forecasts for snow, and the timing of winter blanket season.
8. Artificial flowers or wreaths may only be placed from November 30<sup>th</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>
9. Unsightly or nonconforming items will be removed and disposed of. The staff of Rose Hill Memorial Park, at their sole discretion, determines what is considered unsightly or nonconforming. Neither Rose Hill Memorial Park nor any Rose Hill entity employee will be responsible for theft, damage or destruction of grave tributes.