

FIRST PARISH CEMETERY CORPORATION

Rules & Regulations

The Cemetery is non-sectarian and is privately owned by a Corporation established under the Educational and Charitable Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A. LOTS & MONUMENTS

1. The price of the lots may be revised annually by the Corporation. The price includes perpetual care, which consists of cutting the grass and trimming around the monuments and/or markers.
2. No lots may be sold by the holder; however, the Corporation will re-purchase unused lots at the price paid for them.
3. All burials shall be under the supervision of the Cemetery Superintendent who will be responsible for the location of the burial site. No mounded graves are permitted. No burials are permitted until the lot is paid for in full.
4. All monuments and/or markers shall have a cement foundation installed under the supervision of the Cemetery Superintendent.
5. All markers, including corner markers, shall be of the flush type.
6. Since this is a historical cemetery, having been established in 1724 and being within the National Register of Historic Places District in the Town Center, it is requested that new monuments conform to those now in the Cemetery.

B. LOT HOLDERS PRIVILEGES & REGULATIONS

1. Shrubs planted at or near monuments must be kept pruned and if allowed to become overgrown may be pruned or removed at the discretion of the Cemetery Superintendent. No trees are to be planted.
2. Potted plants or bouquets may be set on the graves. They shall be removed by the lot holder when they are no longer attractive.
3. Lot holders may create small permanent flower beds around their headstones provided that they are suitably indicated in a loamed area with an edging that will not interfere with the regular maintenance or mowing work, except as noted below. Planting areas that are not indicated in a well-defined bed may be mowed inadvertently. Proper maintenance of these beds is the responsibility of the lot holder and beds not suitably maintained may, at the discretion of the superintendent, be reseeded with grass. The Cemetery Trustees cannot assume responsibility for damage to any plant material placed on the lots by owners.
4. Plants, such as daffodils and tulips, that grow from bulbs and are passed their prime by mowing season may be planted without beds with the knowledge that the area will be mowed during regular maintenance.
5. Lot holders may place special holiday memorials (e.g., Christmas wreaths, spring flower baskets, etc.) at the grave sites provided that they are removed by the lot holder within 60 days of the holiday.
6. Lot holders may, in addition to the regular maintenance work, do their own maintenance work provided that they clean up after themselves and remove all rubbish, leaves, sticks, etc. when they are finished. No debris of any kind should be left on any other lot (even if it appears to be vacant).

C. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Dogs must be kept in cars or on a leash at all times.
2. It is requested that all persons leave the cemetery at sundown.

Rules & Regulations adopted by the Corporation at its Annual Meeting on May 21, 1991 and as amended at the Annual Meeting on May 18, 1999.