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***RULES AND REGULATIONS
AMMENDED ON FEBRUARY 29, 2024***

Port Blakely Cemetery, Incorporated, is a Washington Non-Profit Cemetery whose purpose is to operate a cemetery on Bainbridge Island, Washington and to do all things necessary and incident thereto.

The following **Rules and Regulations** are designed for the protection of possessors of burial rights as a group. All possessors of burial rights, visitors and contractors performing work within the cemetery shall be subject to said Rules and Regulations, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees from time to time. The Board of Trustees may modify these rules and regulations on a case-by-case basis.

Burial Definitions, Burial Types, Basic Burial Fees, Plot Purchases and Human Remains Policy:

Burial Definitions:

- Human Remains—the remains of a deceased human.
- Full Body—Human Remains that have not been cremated, composted or in any other way altered from their natural state other than to preserve it in preparation for burial.
- Cremated Remains—Human Remains that have gone through a process of transforming the body to ashes.
- Composted Remains—Human Remains that have gone through a process of transforming the body into soil.
- Liquid Cremation-Alkaline hydrolysis is a form of flameless cremation where a human body is liquified and turned into wastewater.

Burial Types:

Full Body

- Will be performed by a State of Washington licensed funeral home following industry standards.
- Will be placed in a concrete grave liner (top, bottom, and sidewalls).
Note: In the case of a “Green” Full Body burial, the bottom of the concrete grave liner may be removed.

- Only one grave liner containing one Full body is permitted for each full-sized plot.
- A representative of the cemetery shall identify the correct plot prior to any opening of the grave.
- Upon the burial, a cemetery representative must be notified and supplied with the following: name of the deceased, date of birth, date of death, place of birth and a \$10.00 Kitsap County filing fee.

Cremated Remains

- Private individuals may be permitted to dig and bury urns containing cremains.
- Urns must be buried to a depth of 18 inches.
- There is no limit to the number of cremains buried in one plot.
- Cremated Remains may be buried in the same plot as a Full Body.
- Each Cremated Remains burial must have the permission of the existing family of the plot holder.
- A representative of the cemetery shall identify the correct plot prior to any opening of the grave.
- Upon the burial, a cemetery representative must be notified and supplied with the following: name of the deceased, date of birth, date of death, place of birth and a \$10 Kitsap County filing fee.

Composted Remains

- A maximum of one cubic foot (approximately the size of a five gallon barrel) of soil will be allowed to be spread or buried for each individual remains.
- Private individuals may be permitted to spread or bury the composted remains.
- There is no limit to the number of composted remains buried in one plot.
- Composted Remains may be buried in the same plot as a Full Body.
- Each Composted Remains burial must have the permission of the existing family of the plot holder.
- A representative of the cemetery shall identify the correct plot prior to any opening of the grave.
- Upon burial, a cemetery representative must be notified and supplied with the following: name of the deceased, date of birth, date of death, place of birth and a \$10.00 Kitsap County filing fee.

Liquid Cremation

- Liquid Cremation is a process that involves turning the body into liquid and is then reintroduced into a water system.
- There would be no remains to be placed in the cemetery.

Basic Burial Fees

As fixed from time to time, fees shall apply to all purchasers of burial rights and shall be paid in full at the time of purchase.

Graveside services may be held at no additional charge.

Plot Purchases

A previous or current property owner on Bainbridge Island, or a person with an immediate family member buried at Port Blakely Cemetery, may purchase a maximum of three full sized or six half sized plots in the cemetery. A half-sized plot shall be for Cremated Remains only. Two half plots may be joined together to create a full 4' x 9' plot to accept a Full Body burial. In the old section of the cemetery, all plots are either reserved for burials or an interment has already taken place. The Port Blakely Cemetery Board of Trustees reserves the right to modify these Plot Purchase rules on a case-by-case basis.

Human Remains Policy:

Use of cemetery plots shall be limited to interment of Human Remains.

Sale, Transfer or Conveyance of any cemetery land unit shall be limited to resale to the Port Blakely Cemetery, Incorporated. The seller is entitled to a refund of the original purchase price only.

Space permitting, **Plot Exchanges** are permitted at no cost to the owner of burial rights. Exchanges may take place anywhere within the cemetery grounds (i.e., between the old and new sections, between the new and old sections and within the old and new sections).

Plot Enhancement must be in keeping with the look of the cemetery. There will be no mausoleums nor above ground crypts. If plot enhancement is more than a simple curbing and marker, then approval must be obtained.

Grave Markers shall be provided by the plot purchaser, or assignee, and the same shall be responsible for maintenance and repair as required. Port Blakely Cemetery will notify the plot purchaser of any repairs as needed and shall take reasonable precautions to protect plot purchasers and their property rights from loss or damage. The cemetery distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss of damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage caused by the elements, an Act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, insurrection, riots or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.

No **Permanent Border/Curb** will be permitted around a plot without a plot sales representative first marking the exact location of the plot, and the border/curb must be entirely within the plot markings. Loose stones used as a border must be stable, i.e., set into the ground. Any loose gravel or small decorative stones as a site covering must be contained within a border in such a way that they will remain there and not interfere with grass mowing. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to ask the owner to repair damaged or dangerous borders or to correct the existing condition.

Individual plot maintenance is to be done by the plot purchaser or assignee. Port Blakely cemetery assumes no responsibility for the maintenance of individual plots. If individual plots become overgrown the cemetery will become the caretaker and the plot will be mowed.

All **Plantings** of shrubs or trees must be of dwarf or semi-dwarf variety. They shall not exceed ten feet in height when mature. Plantings may not exceed the width of the borders at any time. If any tree shrub or plant becomes detrimental to adjacent plots or avenues, or if for any reason its removal is

deemed necessary, the Board of Trustees shall have the right and duty to ask the owner of the burial rights to remove such plantings, or as an alternative the Board of Trustees will correct the existing condition as in its judgment seems best, including root pruning, removal of plants, shrubs, et cetera, or any part thereof.

Floral regulations allow no glass containers. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to remove any floral arrangement, weed, shrub, tree or plant as soon as it becomes unsightly, dangerous, detrimental or diseased. The Board of Trustees assumes no responsibility for such floral arrangements or plantings. The cemetery is not responsible for theft or damage to anything placed on graves. Family members are encouraged to remove their own floral arrangements or to use the garbage cans located by the water pump.

The **General Maintenance** of the cemetery grounds is funded by donations. Port Blakely is not perpetual care cemetery, and all plot purchasers are encouraged to respond to an annual donation appeal.

The above foregoing **Rules and Regulations of Port Blakely Cemetery** were adopted by the executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Port Blakely Cemetery on February 29, 2024. These Rules and Regulations supersede those adopted by the Board of Trustees on August 11, 2014.

James Rohrscheib
Secretary
Board of Trustees