

Forest Hill Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Purpose: This document contains the Rules and Regulations of Forest Hill Cemetery Board. Rules and Regulations are subject to change by action of the Board of Directors.

Experience has shown that the adoption and enforcement of the rules herein published are necessary to secure peace and order within the affairs of the cemetery Association, to protect the interest of the lot owners, and preserve the beauty of the grounds. All persons are required to obey the rules and are requested to report infractions.

Visitors are reminded that these grounds are sacred and devoted to the interment and repose of the dead and that a strict decorum is due to each plot and marker.

Description of Cemetery Layout

The cemetery is divided into blocks.

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Lots are intended for single burial, but is allowable for a maximum of two remains to be buried on one full size grave using one of the following combinations:

1. One (1) Casket remains and one (1) Cremated remains OR
2. Two (2) Cremated remains.

Sales of Cemetery Spaces

Sales are made by lot. Purchase price includes \$100.00 for perpetual care, price per lot is \$500.00. Total price per lot is \$600.00. The purchase price must be paid in advance of interment/burial.

No lot owner has the right to transfer his/her lot or any part thereof, without prior approval of Forest Hill Cemetery. Any transfer of ownership must be completed in writing and filed with Forest Hill Cemetery.

Lots may be sold back to the Cemetery by the owner with the Board of Directors approval. The Cemetery will pay one half of the original purchase price, copy of the sale must be provided by the owner.

A schedule of fees for lot sales and grave openings will be posted in the office.

Interments

All interments on a cemetery lot are subject to the consent of the original owner if he or she is still living. Where there are two owners, the permission of one is sufficient.

Descent of Cemetery Lots

Descent of Cemetery Lots according to the Minnesota Statutes Annotated when not disposed of by a will:

1. The decedent's surviving spouse.
2. If there is no surviving spouse, then to the decedent's oldest surviving child.
3. If there is no surviving child, then to the decedent's youngest surviving sibling.
4. If there is no surviving spouse, child or sibling, then, if not sold during administration of decedent's estate, to the Cemetery Association, in trust as burial lot for the decedent and such of the decedent's relatives at the Board of Directors thereof shall deem proper.
5. The Board of Directors reserves the right to dig all graves by a workman in its employ or contract employ, and to do all filling or other work upon lots or graves. Lot owners shall not change the grade of any lot nor interfere in any way with the general plan of the cemetery. The grade will be determined by the Board.
6. All markers shall be placed by contractors that have provided proof of insurance to the Board of Directors. Each year this will have to be provided.
7. Monuments and grave markers are to be commercially manufactured, out of concrete, stone or metal, and approved by the Board.
8. No enclosure of any kind, such as a fence, coping or hedge or ditch will be allowed.

Grave Opening/Closing Procedures

All opening/closing work done at the time of burial must be completed by a grave opener (digger) approved by Forest Hill Cemetery Board. All burial related arrangements should be coordinated directly with our appointed board member in advance of interment. Fees for the opening/closing of graves is set by Forest Hill Cemetery Board. All burial related fees should be paid directly to Forest Hill Cemetery unless the funeral home guarantees payment to Forest Hill Cemetery.

See attached rate sheet for more information on burial costs.

Grave Liner/Vault Requirement

Forest Hill Cemetery requires a vault/grave liner for all casket burials. Such products can be arranged for through the funeral home providing services. No vault/liner is required by Forest Hill Cemetery for the burial of cremation urns.

Winter Burial Policy

Forest Hill Cemetery offers full burials throughout the entire year and cremation burials from May 1st until November 31st. The time frame for cremation burials can be extended if weather permits or by approval from the Board. In winter months, full burials require additional time

and expenses due to snow removal and ground freeze. Families, who request full burials, will be responsible to pay for snow removal so that our locator and grave opener have access to the burial site.

Monuments, Markers and Memorial Displays

Memorials for marking graves may be purchased from any reputable Monument Manufacturer or their agents. Such manufacturers are responsible for notifying Forest Hill Cemetery prior to delivery of any memorial. Manufacturers are responsible for installation of all memorials once our locator has correctly located the position of the memorial in the cemetery. The cemetery encourages families to talk to their funeral home director for recommendations on reputable Monument Manufactures. It is imperative that a reputable Monument Manufacturer is selected that will follow the requirements of this cemetery and will complete a proper installation. Forest Hill Cemetery does not install monuments, markers or memorials. It is the responsibility of the Monument Manufacturer to complete installation of any monuments, all markers, or memorials.

Repair of any memorials, markers or monuments is the responsibility of the lot owner and work must be done by a licensed contractor.

Upright memorials are allowed throughout the cemetery on the head end of the lot. Grave markers may also be placed on the foot end of the lot but those markers must be flat markers that do not rise above ground level. No markers are to be placed in the central area of any lot.

No upright monuments are allowed in the VFW or American Legion Section of the cemetery.

Modifications and Amendments

Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardships. The Cemetery board, therefore, reserves the right, with notice, to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications in any of the Rules and Regulations when, in its judgment, the same appear advisable; and such temporary exceptions, suspension or modification shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of such.

Miscellaneous Rules

1. No person shall disturb the quiet of the Cemetery by noise of any kind or improper conduct.
2. No person shall drive any vehicle faster than 10 mph within the Cemetery, nor drive over any paths or roadway prohibited. All-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, three or four wheeler or any motorized dirt bike are prohibited in the Cemetery.
3. Children must be accompanied by some person who will be responsible for their conduct.
4. Person or picnic parties with refreshments will not be permitted.

Rules for everyone:

1. Do not touch anything in the Cemetery that does not belong to you. Do not give orders

- or make complaints to the workers.
2. No shrubs or trees shall be planted, removed or cut down or destroyed within the borders of any lot without the consent of the Board.
 3. Inscriptions or objects offensive to the Christian Faith, or deemed improper, injurious or unsuitable will not be permitted in the cemetery and the Board has full authority to remove such.

Decorations Policy

Live and artificial flowers will be allowed only during Memorial Day Observance. The period of observance will be from 5 days before until 7 days after Memorial Day. All flowers, ornaments, shepherd hooks and anything that will interfere with mowing must be removed at the conclusion of the Memorial Day Observance Period.

At the end of this Observance Period, Forest Hill Employees will pick up and dispose of all live and artificial flowers, ornaments, shepherd hooks, etc. that have been left at the cemetery.

We hope that each spring around Memorial Day, when new life emerges everywhere, that our cemetery, too, will bloom with the colorful remembrances of our departed loved ones.

In conclusion, the Board commits itself to the care of Forest Hill Cemetery and consideration for the common good and concern for the dignity of the deceased.

Visitation to the Cemetery

Visitation to Forest Hill Cemetery is welcomed during daylight hours. No person shall be allowed in the Cemetery during the hours of 10 pm. to 6 am. Anyone found on the cemetery grounds between those hours will be considered a trespasser.

Disclaimer

The Board of Directors will take reasonable precaution to protect property of lots in the cemetery. The Board of Directors disclaims responsibility for damages or lose caused by thieves, vandals, rioters, and malicious mischief markers, by acts of providence beyond its reasonable control, or for any portable articles left upon any lot or other part of the cemetery.

Donations

Forest Hill Cemetery is a self-sufficient entity and operated on a limited budget. Any donations, memorials, or requests are greatly appreciated and allow us to continue providing a beautiful and safe area for our families to memorialize the deceased loved ones. Thank you for supporting our efforts!

How to Contact Us

Questions may be directed to:

Our email site: foresthillemeteryifalls@gmail.com

Facebook page: Forest Hill Cemetery

Mail: Forest Hill Cemetery, P O Box 1221, International Falls, MN 56649.

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Attachment: Forest Hill Cemetery Rate Information Sheet