Tioga Cemetery Rules

These Rules and Regulation may be amended by the Trustees of said Tioga Cemetery Association but no such amendments shall be effective until approved by the New York State Cemetery Board.

General Rules & Regulations

All graves (lots/plots) in the Tioga Cemetery are sold in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the state of New York and shall not be used for any other purpose than as a burial place for dead human beings and/or cremated remains. All graves (lots/plots) are sold with permanent maintenance provisions.

Dimensions of a standard single grave (plot) are 4'x 12', with the head of the grave (plot) at the north-west end; unless otherwise specified in the deed.

All persons shall be allowed access to the cemetery during daylight hours, observing the rules which are in effect and the propriety due the cemetery.

As of 1/1/2020, all trash, landscaping wastes, and the proper disposal of such items are the responsibility of the visitors and plot owners of the cemetery.

The right to use automobiles or other vehicles in the cemetery is authorized solely and exclusively for the purpose of transporting person(s) to visit the cemetery property and/or burial graves (lots/plots).

Heavy trucking or other vehicular traffic shall be refused entrance to the cemetery when, in the opinion of the cemetery employee(s), injury to roads and driveways might result.

All work done in the cemetery shall be done by the cemetery employee(s) or under the control of the Tioga Cemetery Association Board of Directors.

Interment & Funeral Regulations

Interments in a grave, lot, plot, or part thereof are restricted to those entitled to burial therein according to the terms of Section 1512 (d) of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law. Permission for burial of those not entitled to burial according to the said Section, must be filed with the Tioga Cemetery Association by the grave (lot/plot) owner(s).

The use of one grave space shall be limited to interments as follows:

a. One full burial, or
b. One full burial and two interments of cremated remains, or

Note: the full burial shall be made first or extra charges will be assessed

c. Three interments of cremated remains

As of September 10, 1986, a concrete liner must be used for all full burials.

Interment of cremated remains will be permitted only in appropriate rigid receptacles such as concrete or marble.

No interment shall be allowed without permission being first obtained from the Tioga Cemetery Association. At the time of applying for permission, the following information must be furnished:

1. Name of deceased
2. Age of deceased – including date of birth, if known
3. Place of birth of deceased, if known
4. Date of death
5. Time and date of interment (to be filled in when determined)
6. Burial Transit Permit or Certificate of Cremation
7. If not an adult, the name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of deceased

The full purchase price must be paid before a deed will be given or burial allowed in the grave (lot/plot).

The facilities of this cemetery are available to perform burial functions on a six day per week basis (legal holidays and Sundays excluded).

Interment, disinterment, grave-side funeral, or other service on Saturday, Sunday, or Holidays will be subject to an extra charge.

Funerals must be at the cemetery no later than 3:30 PM.

Burials will not be opened when frost and weather conditions warrant such refusal: bodies received for interment during this time will be placed in the chapel for storage until weather permits burial.

Grave (lot/plot) owners are prohibited from allowing interments to be made on their grave (lot/plot) for compensation.

Except as provided for in Section 1513 (a) of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, no grave (lot/plot) owner may transfer his or her grave (lot/plot).

Disinterment will be allowed between June 1st and November 1st, provided the provisions of Section 1510 (e) (removals as defined in Cemetery Bulletin No. 12 dated October 2005) are complied with.

Planting, Gardening & Decoration of Graves (Lots/Plots) Regulations

Plantings in the ground must be made directly in front of and close to the marker or monument at the head of the grave (plot), and may be made only in the span equal to the length of the memorial and 15 inches in width. All flowers, wreaths, potted plants not exceeding 15 inches, or other decorations shall be placed within 15 inches of the monument or head stone

Planting of flowers lengthwise of the grave and digging holes for the purpose of sinking flower pots or other containers is prohibited.

Tioga Cemetery Association reserves the right to remove any or all plantings, flowers, wreaths, potted plants, floral arrangements, or other decorations from a grave (lot/plot) as soon as they become unsightly, neglected, or impede the maintenance of the cemetery.

Glass containers or glass objects of any kind are not permitted to be placed on any graves (lots/plots).

No artificial flowers from May 1st to November 1st.

Dead flowers, dead plants, damaged decorations, trash, etc…shall be removed from the cemetery.

As of 1/1/2020, no new bench, chair, trellis, or lot enclosures of any kind shall be permitted on any grave (lot/plot).

As of 1/1/2020, trees and shrubs are NOT permitted to be planted within the cemetery.

The Tioga Cemetery Association reserves the right to remove any existing trees or shrubs deemed dangerous, unsightly, neglected, encroaching on adjacent graves (lots/plots) or roads, or impeding on the maintenance of the cemetery grounds; upon due notice to the lot owner.

All graves (lots/plots) must remain at established grade. Grave mounds are not permitted.

Markers, Monuments & Memorial Regulations

No marker, monument, or memorial shall be placed on any grave (lot/plot) until a proper foundation has been installed.

As of 1/1/2020, the Tioga Cemetery Association requires the installation of a proper foundation to be performed by the company contracted to install the marker, monument, or memorial. Location of foundations must be verified with the Tioga Cemetery Association prior to installation.

Markers, monuments & memorials are restricted in size to dimensions which will not cover more than 25% of the surface area of the grave (plot).

All markers, monuments & memorials must be constructed of granite or bronze and shall be at least three inches in thickness (with the exception of bronze flush markers).

The bases of all markers, monuments & memorials shall be finished true and level so as to fit the foundation without wedging or spawls.

Only one above grade marker, monument, or memorial shall be permitted on each individual grave (plot). Additional markers, monuments, or memorials installed on the grave (plot) must be installed flush at grade.

New markers, monuments & memorials must be centered at the head of the grave (plot) and cannot encroach upon adjacent graves (lots/plots).

Corner markers, when used, shall be installed at grade level only and require their proper location to be verified by Tioga Cemetery Association prior to installation.

The Tioga Cemetery Association shall have authority to reject any memorial, which on account of its size, type, design, inscription, quality, color, and/or method of construction is unsuitable for the particular grave (plot) on which it is to be placed.

The Tioga Cemetery Association may, at its own expense, without any liability, correct any error that may occur in placing of foundations, markers, monuments, and/or memorials.

As of 1/1/2020, no vault or mausoleum shall be built above ground in the cemetery.

The Tioga Cemetery Association reserves the right to remove, after due notice to the grave (lot/plot) owner, any effigy, embellishment or inscription on a grave (lot/plot) which, in the opinion of the majority of the Board of Directors, is unsightly or dangerous.

Columbarium Regulations

The design for all columbarium type head stones shall be approved by the Tioga Cemetery Association prior to being installed on a grave (lot/plot).

Columbarium head stones shall not exceed six niches and must meet the requirements for marker, monument & memorial installation.

The niches must be of sufficient size to hold a single person's cremated remains.

All interments of cremated remains to a columbarium shall be supervised by the Tioga Cemetery Association (or a designated representative) and a Cremation Certificate shall be supplied to the Tioga Cemetery Association at the time of burial.

Cremation interment fees will apply for each niche at the time of interment of cremated remains.

Interment in the ground of the actual plot where the columbarium is located is separately subject to the cemetery rules for interment.

Winter Storage

Winter storage at Tioga Cemetery's chapel is available on a first come first serve basis between December 1st and May 15th for a fee. All bodies must be removed or interred by May 15th. An extra fee will be charged for all bodies not removed from the chapel by May 15th.

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