# **DURHAM CEMETERY COMPANY**

P. O. Box 56 Durham, Connecticut 06422

#### **CEMETERY REGULATIONS**

To preserve and protect the beauty and peacefulness of our cemeteries for the benefit of all, and to assure the order and efficient operation of the Town Cemeteries, the Durham Cemetery Company has promulgated these rules and regulations:

- 1. Burial rights may be sold only to Durham residents, or former residents. Proof may be requested.
- 2. A "Lot" may be composed of one or more gravesites.
- 3. Any purchase by one person, at one time, of more than four grave lots shall require that person to come before the Durham Cemetery Company Board of Directors for approval before the purchase takes place.
- 4. The Durham Cemetery Company may buy back lots at their original purchase price.
- 5. Transfer of lots, which requires using the Title Transfer form, may be made only after approval of the Durham Cemetery Company. The present cost of the Mica Hill Cemetery lots includes perpetual care of the cemetery grounds.
- 6. Because of ground conditions, (mud, frost, ice, snow, etc.) the Durham Cemetery Company may temporarily close a cemetery for burials or monument installation. Keeping the cemetery roads open during the winter is weather dependent.
- 7. All cremains burials must be in a concrete vault.
- 8. Concrete vaults are required for casket burials.
- 9. One full casket burial and one cremains burial OR two cremains burials are permitted in a single lot.

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### **CEMETERY REGULATIONS, continued**

### **MONUMENTS, MARKERS, GROUNDS**

- 1. Each gravesite used for burial must have a permanent identifying marker.
- 2. Grave markers, foundations and monuments may be installed only after application to and approval of the Durham Cemetery Company. Application to and approval of the Durham Cemetery Company is also necessary if a monument or marker is to be moved or removed.
- 3. The Durham Cemetery Company may refuse permission for any installation, which in its sole discretion, it determines is objectionable or inappropriate.
- 4. The location and placement of each monument shall conform to the location, alignment, etc. of the other monuments in that section, as the Durham Cemetery Company shall determine.
- 5. Grave markers shall be granite, bronze, marble, or other case metal. Monument base sizes are not to exceed; 30 inches for a single, 63 inches for a double, and 84 inches for a triple. Maximum height is 48 inches, and at least 4 inches thick for granite. The foundation of these monuments must be flush.
- 6. Infant, and crematory foot stone lot markers shall be flush, with a uniform size no larger than 12 inches x 16 inches.
- 7. One upright monument is permitted on a single lot. If it is a multiple grave lot, one marker shall be centered on the gravesites. Four corner markers 4 inches square are permitted. Secondary monuments must be installed flush.
- 8. The planting of trees, shrubs or perennials, or the installation of permanent containers shall be made ONLY by the Durham Cemetery Company. Winter covers may be placed after November 15 but must be removed my January 31. Spring memorial decorations must be removed my May 1. NOTHING IS TO BE PLACED ON THE GRASS OR MULCH. The use of plastic flowers or plastic greens is prohibited at all times.
- 9. Any marker, planting, etc., which does not conform to the above (#8) and posted regulations, will be corrected by the Durham Cemetery Company at the expense of the burial lot deed owner.
- 10. Repair or damage to any monument is the responsibility of the lot deed or monument owner, or family, except if the damage is caused by the Durham Cemetery Company.

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#### **COLUMBARIUM NICHES**

- 1. A cremation certificate and a death certificate must be provided at the time of inurnment.
- All niche panel lettering must be ordered through Middletown Monument. The owner of the
  niche must use the lettering style on the "Niche Lettering Application Form", provided by the
  Durham Cemetery Company. On completion, the form must be signed by the owner. Payment
  for engraving is to Middletown Monument.
- 3. Only the first name, middle initial, last name, year of birth, year of death and a veteran's symbol (if applicable) will be permitted on niche panels. Please refer to the Niche Lettering Application Form for specific lettering instructions.
- 4. A flag, identifying military service men and women will be permitted on the niche panel, with proper military identification. To be installed by The Durham Cemetery Company.
- 5. Photographs, verses and designs of any kind will not be allowed on the niche panel.
- 6. A maximum of two sets of cremains will be allowed in each niche. To fit in the niche, the two containers must not exceed 12 square inches each.
- 7. The cremains may be placed in a niche prior, during or after a memorial service.
- 8. Decorations may not be placed at the columbarium and will be removed at the discretion of the Durham Cemetery Company, by the Durham Cemetery Company.
- 9. An opening fee will be charged for each niche opening and will only be permitted by the niche purchaser or authorized family member on record.
- 10. All fees must be paid prior to inurnment.

The Durham Cemetery Company Directors may amend these regulations at any time.