

Town Council of Vacoas-Phoenix (Cremation Ground) Regulations, 1966

GN No. 122 of 1966

Regulations made by the Town Council of Vacoas-Phoenix under sections 164 and 165 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1962

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Town Council of Vacoas-Phoenix (Cremation Ground) Regulations, 1966.

2. In these Regulations-

"Chief Health Inspector" means the officer appointed by the Town Council as such;

"Cremation Ground" means any ground belonging to or under the control of the Town Council for the purpose of cremating human corpses;

"Inspector" means any officer appointed by the Town Council to be in charge of any cremation ground within Township;

"Permit " means the permit delivered by the Ministry of Health for the cremation of a body;

"Town Council" means the Town Council of Vacoas-Phoenix.

3. The Inspector in charge of any cremation ground, shall be responsible for the maintenance of order, cleanliness and decency thereon.

4. The cremation ground shall be open to the public between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and between 12.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Health Inspector.

5. (a) No corpse shall be cremated in a cremation ground except on prepayment of a fee of one rupee and on the production of a permit. Such permit shall remain in the possession of the Inspector.

(b) If one hour after the time fixed for the cremation to start the dead body has not reached the cremation ground, the crematory furnace may be made available for the next cremation if any.

(c) All materials and articles required for the cremation shall be supplied by the person applying for the cremation.

6. After the cremation or burning of the remains of a deceased person the ashes shall be given into the charge of the relatives or of the person who applied for the cremation, if they or he so desire. If not, they shall be retained by the Inspector and in the absence of a special arrangement for their burial or preservation they shall on the following day either be decently interred in a burial ground or kept in a well closed and covered building:

Provided that in the case of ashes left temporarily in the charge of the Inspector and not removed within fourteen days forty-eight hours notice shall be given to the person who applied for the cremation before the remains are interred or scattered.

7. (1) The Inspector or guard in charge of any cremation ground shall keep a register of all cremations carried out therein, in the form set out in the Schedule to these Regulations and shall make all entries relating to each cremation immediately after the cremation has taken place, except the entry in the last column which he shall make as soon as the ashes of the deceased have been handed to the relatives or otherwise disposed of .

Provided that every such register shall be open to inspection at any reasonable hour by any person appointed for that purpose by the Minister of Health or the Commissioner of Police.

8. Any person who, within any cremation ground, smokes, creates any disturbance whatsoever, treads on the ashes, leaps over the enclosure walls, damages any building or structures, plant or object or interferes in any way whatever with the cremation shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

9. No person shall be allowed in any cremation ground if not decently dressed or if in a state of drunkenness.

10. Any person who within any cremation ground removes any flower, plant, shrub, vase or other article shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations:

Provided that the proprietors of vases and marbles shall be allowed to take away or cause to be taken away such vases or marbles if specially authorised in writing by the Chief Health Inspector.

11. Any person who writes, draws, engraves or makes any mark whatsoever on any wall, structure, building or object within or forming part of a cremation ground shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

12. Any person who drives any vehicle or causes any vehicle to be driven into any cremation ground, or who introduces any animal within such ground shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

13. Any person who shall steal or take away any ash or bone in a cremation ground shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

14. Any person guilty of a breach of these Regulations shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees and may be prosecuted before the District Court by any Inspector or by any member of the Police.

Approved by the Minister on the fourth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six.

Ministry of Local Government,
and Co-operative Development.

SCHEDULE

REGISTER OF CREMATIONS

(Reg. 7 of G. N. No. 122 of 1966)

	Reg. No
	Date and place of cremation
	Name residence and Occupation of deceased
	Age and Sex
	Whether married or unmarried
	Date of death
	Name and address of person who applies for cremation
	Particulars of permit
	District where death has been registered
	Time at which cremation to start
	How ashes to be disposed of