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FUNERAL HOME & CEMETERY



***STERLING~WHITE CEMETERY, INC.
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MEMORIAL GARDENS***

A PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERY

RULES & REGULATIONS

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RULE 1-A-GENERAL. The terms used in these Rules and Regulations shall have the same meaning as said terms are defined in Title 8, Subtitle C, Chapters 711 and 712, of the Texas Health and Safety Code governing cemeteries except as otherwise specifically defined in these Rules and Regulations.

RULE 1-B-MEMORIAL DEFINED. The term “memorial” shall include only a monument, marker, tablet, headstone, private mausoleum or tomb for family or individual use, tombstone, urn, or crypt and niche plates.

RULE 1-C-MONUMENT DEFINED. The term “monument” shall include a tombstone or memorial of granite, or other approved stone, which shall extend above the surface of the ground.

RULE 1-D-CEMETERY DEFINED. The term “cemetery” means either the corporation owning and operating Sterling-White Funeral Home & Cemetery (“Sterling-White) or the grounds and buildings themselves.

GENERAL SUPERVISION OF CEMETERY

RULE 2-A-SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE OF FUNERAL. All funerals, on reaching the Cemetery, shall be under the charge of the Superintendent, or his assistants.

RULE 2-B-CASKET NOT TO BE DISTURBED. Once a casket containing the body is within the confines of the Cemetery, the Cemetery reserves the right to refuse permission to any funeral director, or his embalmer, assistant, employee or agent to open the casket or to touch the body without the consent of the legal representatives of the deceased, or without a court order.

RULE 2-C-ERRORS MAY BE CORRECTED. The Cemetery reserves, and shall have, the right to correct any errors that may be made by it in making either interments, disinterments or removals, or in the description, transfer or conveyance of any interment property, either by canceling such conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof other interment property of equal value and similar location as far as possible, or as may be selected by the Cemetery, or in the sole discretion of the Cemetery, by refunding the amount of money paid on account of said purchase. In the event such error shall involve the interment of the remains of any person in such property, the Cemetery reserves, and shall have the right to remove and transfer such remains so interred to such other property of equal value and similar location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof. The Cemetery shall also have the right to correct any errors made by placing an improper description, including an incorrect name or date on the memorial. There shall be no liability against the Cemetery for any remedy other than the correction of the error.

RULE 2-D-NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PERMIT OR FOR IDENTITY. The Cemetery shall not be liable for the interment permit nor for the identity of the person sought to be interred.

RULE 2-E-BURIAL PERMITS. Funeral directors must furnish the Cemetery with the proper permits before any burial will be permitted.

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RULE 2-F-OUTER BURIAL CONTAINER REQUIRED. Adult interments in the Cemetery require an outer burial container to be provided at the expense of the purchaser to maintain the uniform beauty of the Cemetery.

RULE 2-G-URN VAULTS REQUIRED. Cremated remains interred in the Cemetery require a burial urn vault to be provided at the expense of the purchaser.

DISINTERMENTS AND REMOVALS

RULE 3-A-REMOVAL FOR PROFIT PROHIBITED. Removal, by the heirs or successors in interest, of a body or cremated remains so that the plot may be sold for profit to themselves, or removal contrary to the expressed or implied wish of the original plot owner, is repugnant to the ordinary sense of decency and is absolutely forbidden.

RULE 3-B-MAY OBTAIN LARGER PLOT. A body, or cremated remains, may be removed from its original plot to a larger or better place in the Cemetery, when there has been an exchange or purchase for that purpose.

RULE 3-C-CARE IN REMOVAL. The Cemetery shall exercise the utmost care in making a removal, but it shall assume no liability for damage to any casket, outer burial container, urn, or urn vault incurred in making removal.

SERVICE CHARGES AND PAST DUE INDEBTEDNESS

RULE 4-A-PAYMENT OF SERVICE CHARGES. The charges for the Cemetery services must be paid at the time of the issuance of the order of interment of disinterment and removal.

RULE 4-B-PAST DUE INDEBTEDNESS. Arrangements for the payment of any and all indebtedness due the Cemetery must be made before interment will be made in any plot.

RULE 4-C-REMOVAL DUE TO UNPAID BALANCES. Cemetery reserves the right to remove by disinterment or disinterment, anyone who has not fulfilled his or her purchase agreement and placed in an area so selected by the Cemetery.

DECORATION OF PLOTS

RULE 5-A-FLORAL REGULATIONS. No flower receptacles may be placed on any plot, or in the mausoleum or columbarium, unless of approved size, material, design, and in the case of burial plots, set wholly beneath the level of the lawn. The Cemetery shall have authority to remove all floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, plants, or herbage of any kind from the Cemetery as soon as in the judgment of the Superintendent, they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental or diseased, or when they do not conform to the standards maintained. The Cemetery shall not be liable for floral piece baskets, or frames in which or to which such floral pieces are attached beyond the acceptance of such

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floral pieces for funeral services held in the Cemetery. The Cemetery shall not be responsible for plants, herbage of any kind, or plantings damaged by the elements, thieves, vandals or by other causes beyond its control. The Cemetery reserves the right to regulate the method of decorating plots so that a uniform beauty may be maintained. The Cemetery reserves the right to prevent the removal of any flowers, floral designs, trees, shrubs, plants, or herbage of any kind unless the Superintendent gives his consent.

RULE 5-B-PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF FLOWERS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

Placement of seasonal flowers, wreaths, potted plants and baskets are permitted only on Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Memorial Day. Placement may be made during the week before and will be removed by the Cemetery on the 5th day following the occasion and disposed of immediately. Only artificial flowers are to be used in the chapel mausoleum. Christmas wreaths and grave decorations may be placed any time after December 1st and will be removed by Cemetery during the regularly scheduled January cleanup.

RULE 5-C-CERTAIN ORNAMENTS PROHIBITED. The placing of boxes, cans, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, signs, cards, advertisements, chairs, settees, vases, glass, wood or iron cases, wood or iron structures, shepherds' hooks of any kind, concrete urns, concrete benches, pictures, artificial flowers (except as otherwise provided for herein), similar articles or any article other than the approved family memorial, upon plots shall not be permitted, and if so placed, the Cemetery reserves the right to remove same without notice to the plot owner.

RULE 5-D-GRADING AND REGULATIONS ON LOTS. No gravel, brick, stone, cement or other kind of artificial walks will be permitted on any lot.

RULE 5-E-FLOWER BEDS, GARDENS. Any and all beds, gardens, curbing, edging, fencing, or decorative borders are strictly forbidden on or around lots, memorials, monuments, and graves. They will be removed and disposed of without notice by the Cemetery.

RULE 5-F-CERTAIN ORNAMENTS PROHIBITED IN MAUSOLEUMS AND COLUMBARIUM. Photographs, souvenirs, wreaths, flags or other emblems are prohibited in the mausoleums and columbariums. If individual space owners place them, the Cemetery may remove them without notice.

RULE 5-G-DUPLICATE KEYS. Duplicate keys to all private mausoleums and community mausoleum spaces using keys must be left permanently at the Cemetery office.

RULE 5-H-INSCRIPTION. Crypt inscriptions in the community mausoleums must be uniform.

RULE 5-I-INSCRIPTION. All rules and regulations of the Cemetery, in so far as they are applicable, shall be enforced with respect to the community mausoleums and private mausoleums.

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ROADWAYS AND REPLATTING

RULE 6-A-RIGHT TO REPLAT, REGRADE AND USE PROPERTY. The right to enlarge, reduce, replat, change the boundaries or grading of the Cemetery or of a section or sections, from time to time, including the right to modify or change the locations of or remove or regrade roads, drives or walks, or any part thereof, is hereby expressly reserved. The rights to lay, maintain and operate, or alter or change pipelines and gutters for sprinkling systems, drainage, lakes, etc. is also expressly reserved, as well as is the right to use Cemetery property not sold to individual plot owners, for Cemetery purposes including the interring and preparing for interment of human remains, or for anything necessary, incidental or convenient thereto. The Cemetery reserves to itself and to those lawfully entitled thereto, a perpetual right of ingress and egress over plots for the purpose of passage to and from other plots.

RULE 6-B-NO RIGHT GRANTED IN ALLEYWAYS. No easement or right of interment is granted to any plot owner in any road, drive, alley or walk within the Cemetery, but such road, drive, alley or walk may be used as a means of access to the Cemetery or buildings as long as the Cemetery devotes it to that purpose.

RULE 6-C-AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS. Automobiles shall not be driven through the grounds at a greater speed than fifteen miles per hour, and must always be kept on the right hand side of the Cemetery roadway. Automobiles are not allowed to park or to come to a full stop in front of an open grave unless such automobiles are in attendance of the funeral. Vehicles must not be turned around in the avenues. Funeral Directors will be held responsible for the action of all vehicle drivers or others employed by them while within the grounds of the cemetery. Heavy trucks or vehicles with heavy loads shall not enter the grounds without first procuring the permission of the Cemetery Superintendent.

RULE 6-D-BUSES AND TRAILERS. Buses and trailers are not allowed except by special written permission of the Cemetery Superintendent.

RULE 6-E-PEDDLING OR SOLICITING. Peddling of flowers or plants, or soliciting the sale of any commodity, other than by employees of the Cemetery, is positively prohibited within the Cemetery.

RULE 6-F-FIREARMS. No firearms shall be permitted within the Cemetery other than as necessary for a scheduled honor guard salute.

RULE 6-G-NOTICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS. No signs or notices or advertisements of any kind shall be allowed in the Cemetery, unless placed by the Cemetery.

RULE 6-H-DOGS. Dogs, with the exception of Seeing Eye dogs, shall not be allowed on the Cemetery grounds or in any of the buildings.

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RULE 6-I-HOURS THAT GROUNDS AND OFFICE ARE TO BE OPEN. The Cemetery grounds and Garden Mausoleum shall be open from 8 A.M. until sunset every day of the year. The Cemetery office shall be open from 8 A.M. until 5 P.M. Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The Cemetery office shall be closed on Sundays and Holidays. No one except an employee of the Cemetery shall be allowed on the grounds after closing hours.

RULE 6-J-IMPROPRIETIES. It is of the utmost importance that there should be strict observance of all of the proprieties in the Cemetery whether embraced in these rules or not. No improprieties shall be allowed and the Superintendent shall have power to prevent improper assemblages and boisterous and unseemly conduct.

RULE 6-K-SUPERINTENDENT TO ENFORCE RULES. The Superintendent is granted, by the laws of Texas, all and equal powers, functions, duties and authority granted to a Law Enforcement Officer of Precinct 3 or Harris County., and therefore is granted the authority to maintain order and enforce the Cemetery's rules, State law and Municipal ordinances in the Cemetery and as near the Cemetery as necessary to protect Cemetery property. The Superintendent shall have charge of the grounds and buildings, and at all times shall have supervision and control of all persons in the Cemetery, including the conduct of funerals, weddings, traffic, employees, plot owners and visitors.

PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS

RULE 7-A-CEMETERY NOT RESPONSIBLE. The Cemetery shall take reasonable precaution to protect plot owners, and the property rights of plot owners, within the Cemetery, from loss or damage, but it distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss of damage from causes beyond its control, and, especially, from damage caused by the elements, and Acts of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral.

CHANGE IN ADDRESS OF PLOT OWNERS

RULE 8--PLOT OWNERS MUST NOTIFY CEMETERY. It shall be the duty of the plot owner to notify the Cemetery of any change in post office address. Notice sent to a plot owner at the last address on file in the office of the Cemetery shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notification for all purposes whether or not such purposes are specified in these rules.

PERPETUAL AND SPECIAL CARE

RULE 9-A-PERPETUAL CARE OF PLOTS. The term "perpetual care" used in reference to plots, shall mean "to maintain, repair and care for the Cemetery."

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RULE 9-B-PERPETUAL CARE OF MAUSOLEUMS AND COLUMBARIUM. Whenever and wherever the term “perpetual care” is used in reference to the mausoleums and columbarium, it shall be held to mean the cleaning and sweeping of the buildings at reasonable intervals, the replacement of broken glass, the keeping of the roof in repair, and proper provision of locks and doors to discourage the entrance of prowlers and undesirable persons.

RULE 9-C-PERPETUAL CARE EXCEPTIONS. The term “perpetual care”, unless the Board of Directors in its best judgment deems otherwise, shall, in no case, be construed as meaning the maintenance, repair or replacement of any memorials placed or monuments erected upon plots; nor the planting of flowers or ornamental plants; nor the doing or maintenance of any special or unusual work in the Cemetery or in the mausoleums and columbarium; nor does it mean the reconstruction of any marble, granite, bronze or concrete work on any section or plot, or any portion or portions thereof in the Cemetery, mausoleums and columbarium or other buildings or structures, caused by the elements, Acts of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots or by the order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein above provided.

RULE 9-D-INVESTMENT OF PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS. The funds collected and paid into the perpetual care funds of the Cemetery shall be held and invested by the Trustee under the terms of the Trust Agreements creating such perpetual care funds, and all investments shall be made in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the terms and provisions of said Trust Agreements governing the investment of such perpetual care funds.

RULE 9-E-EXPENDITURE LIMITED TO INCOME. Perpetual care, whether applied to lots, graves, mausoleums or columbarium space, or to any space within the confines of the Cemetery, shall be limited to the net income received from the investment of the perpetual care funds and no part of the principal shall be expended – anything herein stated to the contrary notwithstanding.

RULE 9-F-FUNDS MAY BE DEPOSITED WITH OTHERS OF LIKE CHARACTER. It is understood and agreed between the purchaser and Cemetery that all of said funds may be deposited with others of like character and intent, to the end that the income from such accumulated general funds shall be used in general improvements and perpetual care as above defined; but in no case shall their deposits be construed as a contract to care for any individual property or space in any other manner than as above defined; and the perpetual care of the Cemetery, mausoleums and columbarium shall be limited to the net income received from the investment of such funds.

RULE 9-G-CEMETERY TO DIRECT EXPENDITURES. The income from the perpetual care funds shall be expended by the Board of Directors in such a manner as will, in its judgment, be most advantageous to the property owners as a whole, and in accordance with the purposes and provisions of the Laws of the State, and the terms and provisions of the trust agreements establishing said funds applicable to the expenditure of such funds. The Board of Directors is hereby given the full power and authority to determine upon what property, for what purpose and in what manner the income from such funds shall be expended, and it shall expend said income in such a manner as in its sole judgment, it may

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deem advisable for the care, reconstruction, repair and maintenance of all or any portion of the Cemetery grounds, buildings, mausoleums or columbarium.

RULE 10-G-AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT FOR GROUND PLOTS, CRYPTS AND NICHES. The amount of said perpetual care funds to be deposited in trust shall comply with the Laws of the State of Texas governing such deposits.

TEMPORARY ENTOMBMENT

RULE 11-A-TEMPORARY ONLY. Mausoleum crypts used as receiving vaults are for temporary use only and on a monthly rental basis, and under no circumstances shall a body be considered as interred or buried by reason of being placed therein, nor shall any temporary entombment continue for more than one year.

RULE 11-B-DEPOSIT REQUIRED. A deposit as fixed by the Board of Directors shall be required at the time of placing the remains in a crypt for temporary entombment. Upon failure to make suitable arrangements for the final disposition of the remains within one year, or upon failure to pay rental, the Cemetery may upon its discretion, remove the body and inter it in a single grave space after first having mailed a registered letter to the last address shown on its records of the person who made the placement, stating its intention of making said removal, and retain said deposit as liquidated damages.

RULE 12-B-MAY INTER IF BODY POORLY PRESEVED. The Cemetery reserves the right without notice, to remove from its vaults at once and inter any remains not in a good state of preservation, or when the condition of the body renders its interment necessary.

RULE 12-C-INFECTIOUS DISEASES. Te remains of any person who has died of an infectious or contagious disease shall not be allowed to be deposited for temporary entombment.

MEMORIAL WORK

RULE 13-A-MONUMENTS AND TOMBS. Plans and specifications covering size, material and finish for monuments and tombs for all monuments and tombs must be submitted to the Cemetery Superintendent and his approval of same secured before erection of same in the Cemetery will be permitted. All property on which a memorial will be placed must be paid in full prior to the ordering, approval and/or installation of said memorial.

Because of the extensive detailed regulations enforced by the Cemetery in the control of the erection, design and material of the monuments and tombs, lot owners are urged to submit plans and specifications for approval of the Cemetery before entering into any contract for purchase or erection of same with any person or firm.

The owner of a plot has the right to erect thereon any proper monument or sepulchral structure which complies with the rules of the Cemetery, except in section where no monuments are permitted, provided that no more than one monument shall be permitted on any plot but grave markers as prescribed in these regulations may be used thereon.

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Vaults must not be built entirely on or partly above the ground without permission of the Cemetery Superintendent.

Monuments or parts of vaults above the ground must be of granite of recognized high grade containing not discoloration, flaws or weak spots, and must be placed according to Cemetery Superintendent's instruction and such that at no point thereof shall be within less than twelve inches of either side line of the lot.

Minimum wash on two-piece monuments shall be four inches at each end and three inches front and back. All monoliths must be approved by the Cemetery Superintendent before their erection. The Cemetery reserves the right to require dowel pins in all monuments which in the judgment of the Superintendent should have the same.

Monumental work and grave markers of every description shall have suitable foundations, which shall be installed by the Cemetery or installer approved by the Cemetery at the lot owner's expense.

The Cemetery reserves the right to prohibit the erection of and to require the removal of any vault, monument or marker, or other monumental work, that may be considered by the Cemetery Superintendent as inappropriate either in material, design, workmanship, size or location, or which might interfere with the general view or effect.

If any monument, vault, effigy or any structure whatsoever or any inscription be placed in or upon any lot, which shall be determined by the Cemetery Superintendent to be offensive, improper or injurious to the appearance of the surrounding lots or grounds, he shall have the right to enter upon said lot and remove said offensive or improper object or inscription, and the Cemetery shall not be liable to any person for such removal.

MONUMENTS. There is to be only one monument per lot. The monument is to be centered on the lot unless otherwise specified and approved. The minimum size of a family monument is to be – Base 3' 8" x 1' Die 3' x 6" width x 1' 8" high. After the monument setting is complete the lot is to be promptly cleaned up.

STATUARY. The minimum height is to be 4', overall height 5'8". Full specifications and designs must be submitted to the Cemetery for approval. All liability of any kind must be assumed by the owner.

CROSS MONUMENTS. The minimum height of cross monuments is to be 4' 6"x 0' 6"x 0' 6". Full specifications and designs must be submitted to the Cemetery for approval. All liability of any kind must be assumed by the owner.

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RULE 13-B-GRAVE MARKERS. One grave marker, only one, may be placed at each grave. It must be of good standard granite or bronze of not less than 87 percent copper and comply with marker designations in each section.

The Superintendent of the Cemetery except when special written permission is secured from the Cemetery Superintendent shall designate all grave markers. Raised letters will not be permitted on granite markers.

The Cemetery Superintendent shall determine location of the marker and it must be set and maintained so that the top of the marker is flush with the surface of the surrounding grounds.

The marker is to be of flush type granite only. Raised lettering is not permitted. Cameos are not permitted on flat markers. The standard size for an adult marker is 12"x24"x4". The standard size for a baby marker is 20"x10"x4". The marker is to be placed at the head of the grave unless otherwise specified and approved. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14 must have four consecutive grave spaces for an up-right Family Monument. An additional 2.5 feet per space may be added to the base for additional consecutive spaces purchased. Lot owners with less than four grave spaces must have markers flush with the ground.

RULE 13-C-SLABS NOT PERMITTED. Slabs of any kind will not be permitted as coverings for graves.

RULE 13-D-CONTRACTORS AND WORKMEN. The Cemetery will not allow work of any description to be done or placed upon a lot, unless written order from the lot owner or his or her representative is presented and a permit has been obtained from the Cemetery office. This rule applies to the cutting of inscriptions, cleaning of tombs, etc. and also to the removal of anything from a lot.

Contractors or their employees will not be permitted to work in the Cemetery on Sundays or legal Holidays, or before 8:00 A.M. or after 5:00 P.M. on weekdays.

All orders taken for work and all work done shall be subject to and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Cemetery. The Cemetery reserves the right to suspend any and all work without notice when in the opinion of the Cemetery Superintendent there is a failure to conform to the rules and regulations prescribed, or for any other reason such as: failure to make proper preparation to do the work contemplated, failure to provide efficient tools and machinery, conduct of the work in such a manner as to endanger life or property, failure to comply with any reasonable request of the Cemetery Superintendent in the conduct of the work, failure to execute the work according to specifications, etc.

Before starting to set any monument or memorial work, contractors must first submit it for inspection to the Cemetery Superintendent and no such work may be started without his written permission.

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Monuments must not be brought to the grounds, nor monumental construction begun on the day preceding a Sunday or Holiday, or on any day when the roads or grounds are in soft or wet condition.

Material for erecting work will not be allowed on the grounds until proper foundations are in readiness. Written inquiries are to be made in advance to determine if foundation is ready.

All work of erecting must be done as rapidly as possible and material not used must be removed as the work is completed. Workmen must not scatter material over adjoining lots or leave same on the grounds any longer than is absolutely necessary. Ropes or lines must not be attached to trees, shrubs or other objects in the Cemetery without permission of the Cemetery Superintendent. No posts or anchors shall be sunk in the ground without like permission and then only in spots specifically designated. To protect the lawns from injury, planks must be laid when heavy material is to be moved across such lawns.

Material in large quantities will not be permitted to be brought into the grounds in advance of its immediate use, nor in an unprepared condition. Blocks of granite must be dressed to the design and dimensions ready for setting up, and mortar prepared and brought to the grounds in moderate supply and all chips, pruning and rubbish must be gathered up and carried to places of deposit designated by the Cemetery Superintendent.

Exposed joints of granite monuments must be leaded with setting lead, which must be caulked and perfectly tight.

The bottom base or first course of masonry above the foundation must be bedded off to an equal thickness, as no building up or underpinning with chips, spawls, cement evenly covering the foundation.

Plaster of Paris or lime must not be used in cement. All anchors, clamps or dowels must be of standard bronze or aluminum.

All re-bar is to be ½" in diameter and placed as to sketch.

Foundations are to be formed out with the top of forms 1 inch above ground level.

RULE 14-D-MONUMENT FOUNDATIONS. Foundations will be constructed by employees of the Cemetery or installer approved by the Cemetery and will be of concrete, in area at least as large as the bottom base or first masonry course above ground, of the structure to be erected, and in depth at least four feet, but the Cemetery reserves the right to require a larger or deeper foundation when in the judgment of the Cemetery Superintendent the structure requires it.

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RULE 14-E-PRIVATE MAUSOLEUMS, VAULTS AND TOMBS. The erection of a mausoleum or a vault or tomb above the ground will be permitted only upon compliance with the following requirements, which are considered essential to the best interest of the lot owners and the Cemetery.

The lot on which such a structure may be erected shall be a lot set apart and specifically designated by the Cemetery as a "mausoleum site" and the structure to be erected thereon shall not cover more than 15 percent of the total area of the lot.

The Cemetery reserves the right to prohibit the erection of a mausoleum or other like structure upon any lot upon which the full purchase price has not been paid, or against the owner of which any other charge is due and unpaid, and may require payment in advance of any charges properly payable to the Cemetery by reason of the erection of such structure.

The plans, specifications and proposed position on the lot, of the structure to be erected, must be submitted to the Cemetery and duly approved by its properly authorized officials before the erection thereof will be permitted. The Cemetery reserves the right to prohibit the erection of any mausoleum or like structure that is not considered by it suitable or desirable in the Cemetery, either by reason of size, design, architecture, material, location or for any reason considered objectionable by the Cemetery management, and the decision of the Cemetery management thereon shall be final in the matter.

In any case, the foundation for such structures must not be less than four feet in depth and of such further depth as the Cemetery management may deem advisable by reason of the character of the lot upon which the structure is to be erected. In area, the foundation shall be at least as large as the bottom base of the structure.

The stones of the walls and roof of the superstructure must not be less than six inches thick at any point and must be of sufficient size to reduce as far as possible the number of exposed masonry joints. The roof must be supported upon the walls of the building without requiring intermediate supports. All metal work must be of standard bronze or aluminum. A complete system of ventilation must be provided. The crypts must be completely enclosed independently of the walls of the structures and so arranged that each can be hermetically sealed after a body is placed therein. An air space must be provided between crypts and the walls of the building.

Owners of mausoleums or like structures are hereby notified that the Perpetual Care provisions of the Cemetery do not provide for future repair, preservation, or cleaning of such structure, however, by depositing in an endowment fund of sufficient amount for the purpose with the Trustee of Cemetery's Perpetual Care Funds, such service will be provided. Before any future construction of any private mausoleum, a deposit to the amount determined by the Cemetery will be deposited with the Trustee of the Cemetery's Perpetual Care Funds for the future care of the structure.

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If any vault, tomb, sarcophagus, mausoleum or like structure in which human remains are entombed, in the Cemetery, shall fall into a state of dilapidation or decay, or shall be determined by the Cemetery or the Trustee of the Perpetual Care Funds of the Cemetery, to be offensive or any way injurious to the appearance of the Cemetery, no adequate provisions having been made by the owner for the repair and preservation of such structure, either the Cemetery or said Trustee shall have the right to remove the said offensive objectionable structure and to inter any body or bodies contained therein, in the earth upon the lots on which such structure was located, maintaining such lot thereafter in good and similar condition to the other lots in the Cemetery where such burials are made.

PERMANENT RECEPTACLE

RULE 15-A-PERMANENT RECEPTACLE. Only permanent type containers will be allowed in the Cemetery, except to conform to religious beliefs in areas specified for certain religions. If a permanent type container is not used then an additional charge will be assessed.

RULE 15-B-MONUMENTS AND TOMBS. The remains of any person who has died of an infectious or contagious disease shall not be allowed to be deposited for temporary entombment.

CEMETERY GARDENS UPRIGHT MEMORIAL RESTRICTIONS

RULE 16-A-OLD EAST. There are no restrictions regarding any upright memorial in this garden.

- **Single space – 40” base max**
- **Two spaces – 7 ft. base max**
- **Three spaces – 9.5 ft. base max**

RULE 16-B-GARDEN 1824. *No spaces* are available here and there are no upright restrictions.

RULE 16-C-GARDENS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14. Four consecutive spaces must be purchased in order to have a family upright memorial. All personal information is allowed on the memorial and foot markers with personal information are also allowed. An additional 2.5 feet per space can be added to the base for additional consecutive spaces purchased. If fewer than four spaces are owned, then only flat markers are allowed at the head or foot of the grave.

- **Four spaces – 10 ft. base max**
- **No slants, bevels or hickies**

RULE 16-D-GARDENS 10, 11, 19, 20, 21, LAWN CRYPT A AND LAWN CRYPT B. Two consecutive spaces must be purchased in order to have a family upright memorial. All personal information is allowed on the memorial and foot markers with the personal information are also allowed. If fewer than two spaces are owned, then only flat markers are allowed at the head or foot of the grave.

- **Two spaces – 5.5 ft. base max**
- **No slants, bevels or hickies**

RULE 16-E-GARDEN 12. This is reserved for our veterans and their spouses or significant other. Only flat bronze on gray granite is allowed at the head of the grave.

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RULE 16-F-GARDEN 22. This is reserved for public servants, police officers, firefighters, EMS, etc. and their spouses or significant other. Only flat bronze on gray granite is allowed at the head of the grave.

RULE 16-G-GARDEN OF WHISPERING PINES-LAWN CRYPTS. The lawn crypt spaces are developed around a square, with two on each side of the square. The two spaces on the sides of the square must be purchased in order to have an upright memorial. All spaces off of the square require a flat marker for the foot of the grave.

Rule 16-H-Baby Land. Flat markers only 1-8 x 0-10 x 0-4. No vases allowed in this section.

Rule 16-I-Gardens of Love Sections 15 and 16. Two consecutive spaces must be purchased in designated rows in order to have a family upright memorial. Beginning at fence line, rows alternate between upright only and flat only privilege. All personal information is allowed on the upright memorial and foot markers with the personal information are also allowed. If fewer than two spaces are owned, then only flat markers are allowed at the head of the grave. Benches are not allowed in these sections.

- **Two spaces – 5.5 ft. base max**
- **No slants, bevels or hickies**

RULE 16-J-PRIVATE FAMILY HEDGED ESTATES. Estates sold in 6, 8, or 12 space lots. No outside dealers for memorial purchases. Memorials must be granite, bronze on granite or marble only. All memorials within each estate must match in material and color. Monuments for each estate may include family name (with “the” and “family”) and design only. No inscriptions are allowed on monuments. Monument base cannot exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the burial lot (excluding planting easement) and may not exceed 2 ft. in width. Flat or bevel markers in size 24 X 12 are allowed at the foot of each space within the estates. No double markers will be allowed. No head markers will be allowed. Vases are allowed on monument base only. No free-standing vases and no vases on markers. Cameos are allowed on upright monuments only and must be recessed into monument. Standard harp leg benches without engraving are allowed. No additional plantings will be allowed within estates or existing bordering beds. All other rules and regulations for the cemetery apply in this section.

Six space estate: Base length may not exceed 8 ft. One bench will be allowed in this estate. Bench must be centered at the foot of the lot and must sit parallel to street.

Eight space estate: Base length may not exceed 10 ft. Two benches will be allowed in this estate. Benches must be centered at the foot of the lot and must sit parallel to street.

Twelve space estates: Base length may not exceed 15 ft. Two benches will be allowed in this estate. Benches must be centered at the foot of the lot and must sit parallel to street.

THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING RULES, REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND BY-LAWS WERE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY STERLING~WHITE CEMETERY THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2007

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