

# TOWN OF CHESHIRE

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

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### **Rules and Regulations**

#### **Section 1: Ownership and Title of Lots**

Upon full payment of the purchase price of a lot or grave, the Town will record and issue a deed under its seal as evidence of ownership of the lot. Lots of fractional lots, for which lot deeds have been issued by the Town, will not thereafter be divided or transferred except by consent of the Cemetery Commission. The required Perpetual Care fees apply only to the lot, and not to any installations thereon, such as monuments.

The title to the cemetery lot invests in the owner the right to use such lot for burial purposes only, for themselves, their heirs or such person as they choose to admin, provided such admission is free of charge and in accordance with the Cemetery rules and regulations.

#### **Section 2: Interments**

All interments in lots shall be restricted to the owner, and his/her heirs and assignees. Permission in writing from the lot owner or his heirs must accompany all requests for the burial of any other person in the family lot.

All interments or removals will be done by the employees of the Town of Cheshire under the direction of the Cemetery Commission.

No interments shall be made in, or removals made from the Cemetery until the Cemetery Commission has been furnished with such permits as required by State and Local laws, and with an interment or removal order properly signed by the lot owner or his legal representative.

The lot owner or funeral direction shall designate the location of the grave on the lot to the Cemetery Commission and any change of location after the opening of the grave shall be at the expense of the owner. A permanent type of outside container shall be required.

A second burial will not be permitted in a lot that is not paid for, or in a lot against which there are outstanding charges to the owner.

No interments will be permitted on Sundays.

Interments are not allowed in the winter. Generally, the Cemetery is closed December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Commission will keep the Cemetery open if the seasonal weather permits. Once there has been one burial denied due to winter conditions, no subsequent burials will be allowed- to eliminate any discrimination, the Cemetery will remain closed until weather allows (typically mid-April).

### **Section 3: Stone or Monument Work**

No memorial or any type may be placed on any lot on which there are charges outstanding

All contractors and outside workmen doing work of any type in the cemetery will be under the direct charge of the DPW Director/Cemetery Commission. All work must be done during regular working hours unless permission is given prior.

Every standard size monument of other memorial shall be set on a concrete foundation four feet deep which extends a minimum of six inches on all sides so to eliminate clipping of grass around the monument. In the case of half-graves, where monuments are smaller than standard size, the perimeter extension or the foundation must be a minimum of three inches on all sides beyond the monument.

Lot owners, or monument providers engaged by them, must provide dimensional sketches of proposed monuments, including inscriptions and designs on them. All sketches must be approved by the Cemetery Commission prior to installation of the monuments. The Cemetery Commission reserves the right to refuse permission to erect any monument not in the keeping with good appearance of the Cemetery. Monuments or foundations shall not be relocated without permission of the lot owner and the Cemetery Commission.

No curbing, fencing, mulch, steps or any other type of structure, except conventional memorials may be placed on any lot with the permission of the Cemetery Commission.

On half-grave or single grave lots, monuments must not exceed three feet in overall height and bases must not exceed fourteen inches in width (front to back) and two feet in length (side to side).

On all multiple grave lots, monuments must not exceed three feet in overall height and bases must not exceed fourteen inches in width (front to back) and five feet in length (side to side).

All monuments must be on bases. Monuments will be in line with those on other lots.

No lot shall have more than one memorial projecting above grade, Flush markers may indicate individual graves in a lot.

### **Section 4: Miscellaneous**

The Cemetery Commission reserves the right for its workmen and any outside contractors in the performance of normal cemetery operation to enter or cross over any lot in the Cemetery in the performance of such duties.

The Town and Cemetery Commission assume no liability for damages caused by others.

No shrubbery of any form is allowed on cemetery lots. If any tree or shrub, already situated on any lot prior to 1971 adoption of the rules and regulations, by means of roots or branches, become detrimental to or encroaches upon adjacent lots, walkways, paths or become unsightly, the Cemetery shall have the right to remove the tree or shrub.

Only one item of decoration may be placed at a monument. Artificial flowers must be placed in an acceptable container. Flowers are not allowed in glass containers.

Winter flowers and decorations must be removed by May 1<sup>st</sup> and summer decorations must be removed by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sale of Lots is restricted to any Cheshire residents and former residents who lived in Cheshire for ten years or more.

There is no metal detecting allowed on Cemetery grounds.

Cemetery Open Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Walking of dogs in the Cemetery is allowed, please pick up after your pet.

Cheshire Cemetery Rules and Regulations were adopted in 1971, and were subsequently formally accepted by the Town on June 12, 2006. Revisions to the Rules and Regulations were adopted by the Cemetery Commission on August 25, 2025.