
RULES AND REGULATIONS

**JACKSONVILLE RURAL
CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

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This document contains the rules and regulations for the operation and use of Jacksonville Rural Cemetery grounds as approved by the Jacksonville Rural Cemetery Board of Trustees and the New York State Cemetery Board. These rules and regulations may be amended by the Board of Trustees of said Jacksonville Rural Cemetery Association, but no such amendments shall be effective until approved by the New York State Cemetery Board. These rules and regulations were adapted in an effort to make Jacksonville Rural Cemetery a safe, efficient, and eye appealing memorial park.

All lots sold in the Jacksonville Rural 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 purposes than as a burial place for deceased human beings, cremated ashes, and applicable cremated pet remains.

Each gravesite will be allowed up to one full burial and two cremated remains in urns or containers below ground with cremated remains secondary to the full burial. Due to size, if a cremation vault is used below ground, only one cremation vault will be allowed. In addition, up to four cremated remains in an above ground cremation monument will be allowed. Only one standing headstone or monument per grave is allowed.

The cemetery cannot accept responsibility for the location of a grave to be opened when the order is given over the phone. If there is any question regarding the location, it is recommended that someone in the family view the grave together with a representative of the cemetery.

The interment of cremated domestic pet remains will be allowed if the pet was cremated at a pet crematorium, and are subject to all laws, ordinances and requirements of the State of New York. The interment must be subordinate or secondary to the burial of human remains. When cremated pet remains are interred, they should be in their own urn, and not commingled with human remains. Pet remains must be placed into either a traditional non-sealed concrete urn, a child size permanent urn, or a plastic temporary urn. Cremated pet remains will not be allowed to be scattered in the cemetery.

All fees for burials including cremated pet remains must be paid prior to burial.

No interment shall be allowed without a Burial Permit provided by the Funeral Director, or if cremated, a Certificate of Cremation is required.

Lot owners are prohibited from allowing interments to be made on their lots for compensation.

Except as provided for in Section 1513(c) of the Not-for-Profit Law, no lot owner may transfer his or her lot.

Interments in a lot are restricted to those entitled to burial therein, according to the terms of Section 1512 of the Not-for-Profit Corp Law. Permission for burial of those not entitled to burial according to the said section must be filed with the Jacksonville Rural Cemetery Association by the current lot owner(s).

Concrete vaults or concrete grave liners will be required for all interments in graves purchased on or after August 1, 1998, in accordance with the provisions of Cemetery Board Directive 201.6.

Cremated remains will not be permitted to be scattered in any part of the cemetery. The interment of cremated remains will be permitted only in appropriate edged receptacles such as wood, metal, plastic or concrete, and under the direction of the cemetery Sexton.

Interment on Sunday and Holidays will be governed by the Cemetery Board Directives 201.8 and 201.12.

New York Department of State: Winter burials may be performed if weather conditions permit, in compliance with section 1510-B of NFPCL. Exact additional costs for these burials will be the responsibility of the payer(s) overseeing said interment and in compliance with 509D of the NFPCL.

If unable to open a grave due to frost and/or weather conditions, bodies will be placed in the vault until spring.

All bodies placed in the vault for storage must be embalmed or placed in a sealed container. All bodies left in the vault during the winter must be interred by May 12 unless prevented by weather conditions.

All bodies left in the vault after May 12 may be removed and interred. If not entitled to burial in a family plot, they will be interred in a single grave. The expense of such interment shall be borne by those who caused the body to be placed in the vault. Only such notice shall be given in this case as shall be practical under the circumstances.

Dis-interments will be allowed at the discretion of the Cemetery provided the provisions of Section 1510 of the Not-for-Profit Corp law are complied with.

Only one above ground headstone/monument shall be allowed on a grave, and it shall be set in accordance with the general plan of the cemetery and shall conform to said plan in size and material. The bases of all headstones and monuments shall be finished true and level to fit on foundations without wedging and/or sprawling. Additional memorial monuments may be placed flat on the ground behind the upright stone to allow mowing.

Only authorized, licensed, and insured monument companies are allowed to set/install monuments, markers, headstones and foundations.

Placement on a headstone of a memorial medallion for interred pets is allowed.

Headstones are restricted in size to dimensions which will not cover more than 10 percent of the surface area of the lot. Every headstone shall be at least 4 inches in thickness.

Should any headstone become unsightly, dilapidated, or dangerous to visitors, the cemetery reserves the right either to correct the condition or remove the same at the expense of the lot owner after giving 60 days' notice at their last known place of residence or by public notice.

The Cemetery Association reserves the right to remove, after due notice to the lot owner, any effigy or inscription which, in the opinion of the majority of the Trustees, is unsightly or dangerous.

No mausoleum shall be built above ground.

The Cemetery Association reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths or other decorations from lots when damaged or unsightly.

Flower plantings, pots and decorations shall be placed within one foot around the monument to allow for lawn maintenance. Plantings must be kept trimmed to within 1 foot around the stone.

Glass containers and decorative stones around a monument/head stone are prohibited. Objects that constitute an impediment that interferes with normal maintenance of cemetery lots are not permitted.

No planting of trees will be allowed.

All shrubs must be approved by the Cemetery Association prior to planting. The Cemetery Association reserves the right to restrict the planting of shrubs and to remove any shrub or tree deemed dangerous, after due notice to the lot owner.

All persons shall be allowed access to the cemetery during daylight hours, observing the rules which are in effect and the propriety due to the cemetery. Snow and mud conditions are the exception and may require roads to be blocked to vehicular traffic.

No public parking, ATV's, dirt bikes or snowmobiles are allowed.

Heavy trucking and other vehicular traffic shall be refused entrance to the cemetery when, in the opinion of the Association, damage to roads, driveways or monuments might result.

All work done in the cemetery shall be done by cemetery employees or under the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Funerals are scheduled at the discretion of the cemetery Sexton to ensure there is no overlap and that workmen have sufficient time to properly close the grave and remove the equipment.

All funerals, processions and vehicles will be under the control of the Sexton while in the cemetery.

The Jacksonville Rural Cemetery Association meets annually on the 1st Saturday of May at 9 am. This meeting is open to the public. Location will be posted at the Cemetery.

For more information, visit our website:
www.jacksonvillecemetery.org

*Approved by the
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