Rules & Regulations

Hudson City
And
Cedar Park

Cemeteries
Hudson, New York
HE grounds of the Hudson City Cemetery are solemnly devoted by law to the interment of the dead and the strict observance of that decorum which should characterize such places will be expected and required of all who visit the Cemetery.

The following Rules and Regulations have been established by the Cemetery Commission of the City of Hudson, N.Y., subject to future additions, modification or repeal at the discretion of the Commission.

The purpose is to secure clearness of title to cemetery lots; to avoid the complications and difficulties resulting from obscurity or confusion in the change of title thereto; to insure the preservation of the grounds and the maintenance of good order therein.

It is believed that they will not be found to be oppressive in any sense, nor difficult to obey.

The Cemetery Commission, its officers and employees will cheerfully afford all reasonable aid and information to lot owners and visitors.
RULES & REGULATIONS

Transfers of Lots and of Interest Therein

Grants of cemetery lots or any interest therein or of graves in the single grave department by lot or grave holders must be acknowledged or proved in such manner as to entitle them to be recorded as conveyance of real estate within the State of New York: they must be recorded in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Hudson, N.Y., in books to be furnished by him and must be endorsed with a certificate signed by him, showing the date and place of such record. Until so acknowledged or proved and recorded and endorsed, they shall not become effective as conveyances nor be recognized as such by the Cemetery Commission. In case of the devise of a lot or an interest in a lot by will, the will with the certificate of proof thereof annexed thereto, or endorsed thereon necessary to entitle it be recorded in the office of a clerk or registrar of any County in the State, or a copy of such will so exemplified as to entitle it to such record must be presented to the City Clerk of the City of Hudson for record and be recorded by him in his office in a book to be furnished by him and be endorsed by him with a certificate of such record, before it shall be recognized as devising the same by the Cemetery Commission. This is to be a covenant running with the land in all grants of cemetery lots by the City of Hudson and a condition of each such grant.

Heirship to Lots

Title to Cemetery lots by descent is regulated by the statutes of the State under which all disputed questions of this character must be decided.
Certain Interments Forbidden

Lot owners shall not allow interments to be made in their lots for renumeration, with the exception of the lots now or in the future owned by the Congregation of Anshe Amass. No lots or plots in any part of said cemetery shall be used for any other purpose than the burial of the human dead.

Enclosures

No lots or plots shall be enclosed with any fence, wall, railing, chain, hedge, coping or other enclosure. However, that part of the grounds, now or in the future owned by the Congregation of Anshe Amass, coping is permitted around individual graves only after $50.00 has been paid for Perpetual Care for same. No wooden structure shall be permitted in any part of the grounds. The boundaries of lots will be defined by corner posts to be furnished, set and maintained by the Cemetery Commission. An amount deemed sufficient by the Cemetery Commission for such purpose will be charged to the owner in addition to the price of the lot and collected at the time of the sale.

Monuments, Etc.

Lot owners shall have the right to erect any proper granite or marble monument or sepulchral structure upon their lots, subject to the restrictions set forth under “Rules Concerning Improvements,” but only one monument will be permitted on any lot. If any monument or effigy or any structure whatever, or any inscription be placed in or upon any lot which shall be determined by the Cemetery Commission to be offensive or improper, the said Cemetery Commission shall have the right and it shall be its duty to enter upon such lot and remove
or cause to be removed the said offensive or improper object or objects and so notify the owner of its action.

Trees, Shrubs, Etc.

Lot owners shall have no right to cultivate upon their lots, trees, shrubs, hedges and plants with the following exceptions: plot owners having pathways over 50 feet in length, bordering or crossing such plots may have shrubs planted at a minimum distance of 15 feet apart along such pathways, planting a minimum distance of 15 feet apart along such pathways, plantings to be made by Cemetery personnel at expense of plot owners and under the supervision of Cemetery Supt. Owners of mausoleums are allowed to have shrubs, no higher than 24” planted at base of mausoleums, such plantings also under supervision of cemetery Supt. Lot owners may plant small plants at own risk, at base of monument, such plants not to be over one foot in distance from monument. No rose bushes or perennials are permitted. The Cemetery Commission can not be held responsible in any way to damages to these plants. If trees or shrubs situated in any lot shall by means of their roots, branches or otherwise, become detrimental to the adjacent lots or avenues, unsightly or otherwise objectionable, it shall be the duty of the Cemetery Supt. and he shall have the right under the order of the Cemetery Commission, to enter the said lot and remove the dead trees and shrubs or such part thereof as may be objectionable. Trees or shrubs standing within lots can be removed at the expense of the lot owner if desired upon application by him to the Cemetery Supt., the action of the latter to be subject to the approval of the Cemetery Commission.

No plantings or placing of articles behind monuments in any single grave section of the Hudson Cemeteries.
Tombs and Vaults

No vaults nor tombs in whole or in part above ground, and no structure in the nature of a mausoleum shall be placed upon any lot without permission from the Cemetery Commission; and all such must be furnished with shelves having divisions allowing interments to be separately made and hermetically sealed. Such portions thereof as are above ground must be placed with cut quarry stone, granite or marble; and all plans and specifications for such erections must be submitted and approved by the Cemetery Commission before their erection shall be permitted.

Interments

Applications for interments must be made at the office of the Supt. of Cemeteries by the undertaker having charge of the funeral. Only one interment will be permitted in a grave, except that a mother and infant, or two infant children may be interred in the same grave.

Graves, Sodding Same

All graves shall be opened, closed and sodded by the Cemetery Commission, at rates of charges to be fixed by it and paid for in advance by the owner.

Lot owners shall not be permitted to do the work of opening, closing or sodding graves under any circumstances. No grave mounds shall be permitted in any part of the grounds.

In all cases of disinterment the work shall be performed by the Cemetery Commission at the rate of charges to be fixed by it and paid to it at the time of making application for disinterment. Each order for disinterment must be delivered to the Superintendent at least twenty-four hours in advance of the commencement of the work.
RULES CONCERNING IMPROVEMENTS

Excavations for Vaults, Monuments, Etc.

To protect the grounds and especially improved lots from injury, all excavations for vaults and monuments will be made by the Cemetery Commission at the expense of the owners.

Materials for Monuments, Headstones, Etc.

No monument, headstone, grave-markers, footstone or other structure used to mark graves shall be constructed of other material than granite, marble or real bronze.

Foundations for Monuments, Etc.

Foundations for all monuments, headstones and the like, shall be of stone laid in cement and shall be constructed by the Cemetery Commission at the expense of the party ordering foundation; they must be of at least the same size as the base to be placed thereon and must be five feet deep for monuments and three and one half feet deep for headstones and level with ground. The bottom of the lower base of every monument must be sufficiently squared to allow it to rest on the foundation in its position as no wedging will be allowed. Urns must have foundations three and one half feet deep to be laid under the direction and supervision of the Cemetery Commission and will require permits. No urns may be placed outside any lot. All orders for foundation or any other work must be paid for in advance. Prices for any work will be furnished upon delivery to the Cemetery Supt. of the description of the extent and dimensions thereof as proposed. When a monument or other erection shall become dilapidated the Commission shall notify the owner thereof, if he or she can be found, to
repair the same, and the failure to repair within a reasonable time, the Cemetery Commission may make the repairs at the expense of the owner. In extreme cases of dilapidation, also where the owner cannot be found or refuses to repair, the erection may be sold by the Cemetery Commission and it may use the net proceeds to place the lot in repair, and the balance, if any, shall be placed in the City treasury to the credit of the Cemetery Commission for payment to the lot owner.

All urns must have cement foundations, and must be above ground level. No urns, flowers, pots or other articles are to be embedded in the ground.

Headstones - Footstones

Headstones or footstones are not to exceed two by one feet. In cases where a headstone or footstone has been placed on a grave before an interment has been made in such grave and it is necessary to remove the stone and its foundation to make an interment in said grave, the cost of replacing the stone and its foundation will be charged to the lot owner.

Time of Work

No work will be allowed to be delivered or set in the Spring until the ground shall be fully settled and in proper condition.

Regulations for Work Improvements

Guy ropes must not be fastened to posts, monuments or trees without a special permit; sufficient padding must be used around trees to protect them. Where heavy materials are to be moved, placed into position or taken down, sufficient planking shall be placed on the ground affected, to preserve them and the grass from injury. No materials for the building of vaults or foundations,
erections of monuments, tombs or other work shall be deposited in the cemetery until required for immediate use; nor shall they under any circumstances, be placed on lots adjacent to the lot or lots which are to be improved. Such as are not likely to be immediately used will be removed without further notice at the expense of the owner. Cutting letters on monuments and headstones can be done only on written authority from the lot owner. No materials can be taken into the cemetery at any time without a special permit. No materials can be taken from the cemetery without a special permit. All rubbish made by builders or other employees must be removed without delay; builders, or other employees must be subject to the control of the Cemetery Commission through the Cemetery Supt. and those failing to conform with such directions and rules will be prohibited from working on the grounds.

Removing Tools, Etc.

Implements or materials used in performing any work within the Cemetery which may be left on any lot or adjacent ground, must be removed by the owner or owners thereof without delay, otherwise the obstruction will be removed by the Superintendent and the expense charged to such owner or owners.

Wire Work, Etc.

No wire work will be allowed and arbors of all kinds are prohibited. No settee, chair or bench will be allowed without a permit and such permits will be granted only to owners of three or more lots.

No brick, stone, pipe, wire, or other metal work permitted around or in front of monuments or within lots.
Sunday and Holiday Work

No Sunday and holiday work of any description will be permitted in the grounds except in cases of great emergency and under permission of the Cemetery Supt.

Funeral Regulations

Funerals on reaching the cemetery will be under the charge of the Superintendant or his foreman. Burial permit and Cemetery charges must be deposited at Office prior to interment.

Persons in the Cemetery conducting themselves improperly will be requested to leave instantly, and upon refusal will be compelled to do so and will be subject to prosecution and liable to fine.

All persons are forbidden to gather flowers or to break or injure any tree, shrub or plant, wild or cultivated. All persons are prohibited from writing upon, or injuring any monument or stone or other structure belonging to the ground. No refreshments of any kind shall be brought into or used upon the grounds.

Vehicles

No vehicle shall be driven through the grounds at a speed exceeding twelve miles per hour. No bicycles nor tricycles will be allowed within the grounds. No bicycling within grounds. Includes tricycles, motor bikes and childrens' riding equipment.

Firearms

Persons with firearms shall not be permitted to enter the grounds except on occasions of military funerals and on Memorial Day.

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Walking on Lots

All persons are forbidden to walk on or across lots or lawns, save when necessary to reach their own lots or graves. Pathways should be used whenever possible.

RULES FOR SINGLE GRAVE SECTION

Sales of Graves, Etc.

Graves in the Single Grave section will be sold upon application to the Cemetery Commission, and deeds will be given for them as in the cases of lot sales. The price fixed therefor by the Cemetery Commission must in all cases be paid to the City Treasurer of the City of Hudson before he shall sign the deed. This is required by the Charter of the City of Hudson, upon the sale of any of the cemetery lands. Any person holding a deed for a single grave may purchase one additional grave, if there be one vacant, immediately adjoining that first purchased. No person will be permitted to hold more than two single graves at any time. No Veteran's marker permitted where monument covers two graves.

Size of Single Graves, Etc.

Single graves shall contain not to exceed twenty-four feet of surface area, and shall be three feet in width by eight feet in length. There shall be a longitudinal space of one foot between tiers of single graves.

Interments, Etc.

Application for interment and disinterment orders for the Single Grave section and the payment of cemetery charges therefor, will be in all cases regulated by the preceding general rules regulating these subjects. Each interment or disinterment must be invariable paid for in advance. But one interment will
be permitted in any single grave, except that either a mother and infant or two infant children may be interred in the same grave.

Monuments, Headstones, Etc., in Single Grave Section

Monuments, no larger than four foot by one foot two inches wide and no higher than three and one half feet may be placed in the Single Grave section by grave owners having two adjoining graves. Owners of one single grave are allowed markers, not to exceed two by one foot.

General Rules Apply

All-General Rules and preservation of the grounds shall apply to the Single Grave section.

Private Vaults

A reasonable rate shall be charged for work necessarily done by the Cemetery Commission in cases of interments in private vaults. A duplicate key for each such vault shall be deposited with and retained by the Cemetery Supt.

Local Ordinance No. 7

All persons are prohibited from being in cemeteries during hours of darkness. Any violators will be prosecuted under Local Ordinance No. 7.

Responsibility for Damages

The Cemetery Commission or the City of Hudson shall not be held responsible for any damages to monuments, markers, vaults or mausoleums caused by vandalism, windstorm or lightning, or caused by any vehicle leaving roadway. All occupants of vehicles
using Cemetery driveways and pedestrians walking in Cemetery do so at own risk. The Cemetery Commission is not responsible for baskets, potted plants, etc., left on Cemetery lots.

**Rules for Employees**

The Supt. and all workmen employed in or about the Cemetery grounds shall be subject to the orders and control of the Cemetery Commission at all times when on duty. No officer, agent or servant of the Commission shall be interested directly or indirectly in the buying or selling of lots or graves, or in any monumental, vault or ornamental work of or visitor, and the cooperation of lot and grave owners and any description. None of them shall be permitted to receive any compensation, wages, fee or gratuity from any lot owner visitors in the enforcement of this rule is asked. No person on the payroll of the Cemetery Commission shall be allowed to perform work for anyone else in the Cemetery. Employees shall obey the orders of the Supt. subject to the ultimate control of the Commissioner. No tools or implements belonging to the Commission shall be removed from the grounds without permission of the Supt. who shall be responsible for the same, and all tools shall be returned to the work shop each night and upon the completion of work.

All contractors and workmen while engaged in work upon the grounds shall be subject to the directions, rules and orders of the Cemetery Commission and the Superintendent.

**Animals**

No dogs allowed within cemeteries.