

Virgil Rural Cemetery Association

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Article 1 - Burial must be scheduled in advance by contacting the Sexton.

Article 2- All fees are due prior to the burial.

Article 3- Any burial or attempted burial not coordinated with Virgil Rural Cemetery Association personnel may cause the burial rights to that Lot to be rescinded. Burials will not be allowed in that Lot until all issues have been resolved.

Article 4 - All cremation Interments must be made in accordance with NYS Cemetery Law and Virgil Rural Cemetery Association Bylaws, Rules and Regulations. These Interments are treated the same as any other Interment and must be properly recorded by the Cemetery Association. The Administrative Fee, State Mandate and in some cases, the State Vandalism Fee must be paid prior to the Interment.

Article 5 - No vault or mausoleum shall be built above ground without the permission of the Board of Trustees and then only in such location as they may approve.

Article 6 - All foundations will be constructed by or under the direction of the Virgil Rural Cemetery Association.

Article 7 - No monument will be allowed to be delivered in the Cemetery until the foundation is installed and ready to receive the monument.

Article 8 - Concrete vaults or concrete grave liners are required for interments in all graves.

Article 9 – Virgil Rural Cemetery Association reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths, or other decorations from lots as soon as they become unsightly.

Article 10- Virgil Rural Cemetery reserves the right to remove, after due notice to the lot owner, any embellishment on the lot, effigy or inscription which, in the opinion of the majority of the directors, is unsightly or dangerous.

Article 11 – Virgil Rural Cemetery reserves the right to restrict the planting of shrubs and trees and to remove, after due notice to the lot owner, any shrub or tree deemed dangerous to the public or grounds-keeping personnel.

Article 12 - Any stones or other material, which project away from the headstone and interfere with grounds-keeping are also prohibited.

Article 13 - The proprietors of lots and their families shall be allowed access to the grounds at all times between dawn and dusk, observing the rules which are or may be adopted for the regulation of visitors.

Article 14 - Scheduled funerals in progress have full priority over other visitors.

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Article 15- No dogs are permitted unless leashed and the owner equipped with devices/material to immediately remove any droppings.

Article 16 - If any person leaves any rubbish or other items on any road or lot, it may be removed by cemetery personnel and the lot owner billed for any costs.

Article 17 –Virgil Rural Cemetery Association retains the right of first refusal to buy back lots. To transfer lots within the cemetery, the Virgil Rural Cemetery Association will first purchase the original lot(s) at the original price plus simple interest at the rate set by the NYS Division of Cemeteries. The Association will sell the new lots at the current price posted.

Article 18 - If, in the opinion of the sexton, winter conditions such as frost, snow or other weather issues may cause damage to the cemetery or increase the risk of injury to attendees; graves will not be opened. If the sexton does allow burials during the winter months, any additional costs incurred (e.g. snow clearing, etc) will be the responsibility of the family and must be paid prior to the funeral. A reasonable security deposit covering possible damage to the cemetery determined by the conditions and lot location will be also be the responsibility of the family and must be paid prior to the funeral. An invoice statement will be made in the spring after damages costs are assessed. Any payment above damage costs will be refunded to the family.

Responsibilities of Lot Owner

Article 1 - All lot owners are required to notify the Cemetery of any change in address. All notices required to be sent shall be sent to the last recorded address and such notices shall be deemed adequately serviced.

Article 2 - Lot owners are prohibited from allowing interments to be made on their lots for compensation.

Article 3 - Permission by a lot owner to inter in his lot, given to other than members of his family, must be made in writing, duly witnessed and delivered to the association by the lot owner. Lot owners cannot transfer or assign lots without written permission from the association (and approved by NYS Division of Cemeteries). Ancestral tracing may be required by the association (e.g., marriage records, birth certificates, etc) at the expense of the owner.

Article 4 - To minimize cemetery maintenance costs, lot owners and their families are encouraged to make every attempt to remove dead flowers in a timely manner, trim shrubs and, in general, maintain their gravesites. No obstacles shall be placed in the mowing paths. Any vegetation must be contained in the general confines of gravesite memorials in a way that does not obstruct a clear mowing path at the expense of the owner.

Article 5 – Lot owners are encouraged to consider their wishes for future usage of their lots after their own demise. Their legal wills or notarized affidavits to the Virgil Rural Cemetery Association can be utilized to assure that their wishes regarding their cemetery rights are perpetuated.

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*These By-Laws and Regulations, or any part thereof, may be amended or suspended at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all the members of the Board, but the Resolution for such amendment shall be presented and read at a previous meeting of the Board.

**Changes approved by the Board of Trustees on May 15th, 2014