

TOWN OF SOUTH THOMASTON, MAINE



VILLAGE CEMETARY ORDINANCE RULES & REGULATIONS

Enacted 8 October 1985
Amended 28 March 2006

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History of Amendments

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Section 3: (a) Purchase of Lots: read: *All lots are to be sold to Town residents and persons who were born in South Thomaston only.*

Section 3: Purchase of Lots:

(a) Amended to read: *All lots are to be sold to Town residents and former Town residents. A resident is defined as a person who has a fixed habitation within the Town of South Thomaston.*

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SECTION 1.

For the mutual protection of lot owners and the cemetery as a whole, the following rules and regulations are hereby established for the South Thomaston Village Cemetery. All lot owners and persons visiting the cemetery will be expected to abide by such rules and regulations as herein enacted and as hereafter amended, which are intended to assist in maintaining this cemetery as a peaceful and beautiful area as well as a reverent symbol of respect for the dead.

SECTION 2.

Hereinafter the Town of South Thomaston shall be referred to as the Town. The Board of Selectmen shall act as the Cemetery Board and hereinafter shall be referred to as the Board.

SECTION 3. PURCHASE OF LOTS

Any lot purchase shall be made at the Town Office through the Town Treasurer. Upon full payment of the purchase price of a lot, the Town will issue a Cemetery Lot Conveyance under its seal, and the deed will be recorded in the records of the Town as evidence of ownership of the lot.

(a) All lots are to be sold to Town residents and former Town residents. A resident is defined as a person who has a fixed habitation within the Town of South Thomaston.

(b) All interments in lots shall be restricted to members of the immediate family. Lot owners must request permission from the Board, in writing, to bury persons not immediate members of the family.

SECTION 4. LOT REQUIREMENTS

No lot will be sold without Perpetual Care.

(a) The full purchase price included Perpetual Care. The fees are as follows:

	LOT PRICE	PERPETUAL CARE	TOTAL COST
Double Grave	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
Four Grave	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00

(b) No single lots will be sold.

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(c) The interment of two bodies in one single grave will not be allowed, except in the case of mother and infant, or twin children, or two children buried at the same time, or two cremated remains.

(d) All lots are to be surfaced with grass.

(e) After a lot is sold, the purchaser cannot sell or transfer the lot without permission from the Board.

(f) No mound shall be raised upon any grave above the level of the lot.

SECTION 5. USE OF FEES

(a) The lot fees are to be used by the Town in maintaining the Cemetery, such as roads.

(b) The Perpetual Care fees are to be invested by the Town and only used in caring of lots such as mowing grass and raking lots.

(c) The Town or its employees assume no liability for damage, or actual or mental anguish, in the performance of normal operations or loss by vandalism or other acts beyond reasonable control.

SECTION 6. INTERMENT

(a) Interment charges are to be handled through any reputable funeral director.

(b) No lot shall be used for any other purpose than for burial of the human dead.

SECTION 7. MONUMENTS

(a) Foundation charges for monuments and marker emplacements are to be handled through any reputable monument dealer.

(b) All flush markers shall be set so the top is flush with the ground.

SECTION 8. TREES, SHRUBS, & FLOWERS

(a) The planting of trees or shrubs by lot owners is prohibited.

(b) The planting of flowers is prohibited on any lot.

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(c) The planting of flowers is to be contained in a container.

(d) The Town employees shall have the right to remove all flowers, when in their judgment, they become unsightly, faded, or wilted.

SECTION 9. GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

(a) The Cemetery will be open from sunrise to sunset.

(b) No person shall walk upon or across lots or lawns unless it is necessary to gain access to a particular lot.

(c) The Town disclaims responsibility for property damage or any injury sustained by any person violating these rules.

(d) Persons visiting the Cemetery are prohibited from picking any flowers, or from writing upon, defacing, or injuring any memorial, fence, or other structure within the grounds of the Cemetery.

(e) Motorcars and vehicles must be kept under control at all times.

(f) Animals, bicycles, motorcycles, motorbikes, snowmobiles, and all terrain vehicles are prohibited within the Cemetery.

(g) No person shall discard any article in the Cemetery.

(h) The bringing of firearms into the Cemetery, except by military escort, is prohibited. The discharge of, or carrying of, any offensive weapon, such as bow and arrow, air rifles, slingshots, or the hurling of rocks or pellets, is strictly prohibited.

(i) The Board reserves the right to adopts additional rules and regulations, or to amend, alter or repeal any rule or regulation, or any portion thereof at any time.

This ordinance shall become effective October 8, 1985, and as amended March 28, 2006.

Attest a true copy: _____
Barbara J. Black, Town Clerk