

HARPERSVILLE CEMETERY
RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL

1. Harpersville Cemetery is owned and operated by the Town of Harpersville. The Town reserves the right at any time to make or adopt any new or additional rules or regulations and to change, modify, amend, alter, revoke, or annul any rules or regulations.
2. All lots are sold subject to the Rules and Regulations of Harpersville Cemetery, or any, which may hereafter be adopted. Lots shall be used for no other purpose than burial of human bodies. All work thereon will be done under the directions of Town, *with exception of opening and closing of graves.*
3. The Town Council shall appoint a Cemetery Committee to recommend rules and regulations to the Town Council. This committee will be under the direction of the Town Council. Subject to the recommendations of the Cemetery committee, the Town shall have absolute charge of the Cemetery, shall be authorized to enforce the rules and regulations; shall maintain order; shall supervise all workmen (*with exception of funeral director and other directly involved with funeral*); may expel from the ground any improper person; may refuse admission to any person or materials when deemed necessary.
4. No person, or persons, shall be permitted to bring or carry firearms with the Cemetery except a military guard of honor and then only when in charge of an officer during a military service and law enforcement authorities.
5. Lot owners may not bring dirt, or like material, such as stone, gravel, sand, into the Cemetery, and they are not permitted to raise the level of the graves or the lot above the established grade.
6. No vehicle shall enter the Cemetery except through the designated roadways.
7. All lots shall be paid for in full before burial or markers are placed. No sign indicating that a lot or gravesite is for sale will be permitted on the Cemetery grounds.
8. In the event of the removal of a body from a single grave, the grave space shall revert to the Cemetery lot owner.
9. The Town is not responsible for theft or damages to any personal property including artifacts, personal effects that placed on or near interment spaces or elsewhere in the Cemetery

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MONUMENTS

1. Headstones and/or footstones that are currently in place will be permitted in Block A & E only. No other objects will be permitted with exceptions of items as described below under the flower section. *(See map of cemetery lots).*
2. ONLY flat head/foot markers (ground level) will be allowed in Block B, C, D, F, G H and I. *(See map of cemetery lots).*
3. The Town is authorized to remove any monuments, tombstones, markers slabs, curbing and fencing, trees, shrubs, decorations or other objects placed upon any lot in the Cemetery contrary to the provisions of these published rules and regulations.

FLOWERS

1. Owners or the family of the owners of grave sites will be responsible for removal of flowers not later than 14 days following interment. In the event flowers are not removed in prescribed time frame, the Cemetery reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths, or baskets of flowers, etc. when they become withered, or for any good reason, this includes artificial flowers when they become soiled and faded.
2. Baskets, glass, crockery, wire, metal or any other kind of receptacle for flowers, glass vases, boxes containing artificial flower wreaths, etc. will not be permitted.
3. Only telescoping type cemetery vases (bronze sections) or permanently attached may be used throughout the entire cemetery except of special occasions. Floral arrangements are limited to one arrangement per marker, unless said marker has provisions for additional vase or vases. Vases must be used that are integral with marker. The Town reserves the right to remove any unauthorized flower receptacles.
4. Potted plants and easels can only be used on special occasions which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Father Day, All Saints Day, Christmas, Memorial Day, Valentine's Day, Veteran's Day and immediately after an interment.
5. Only veteran's flags will be allowed to be displayed throughout the year. The flags must be secured by either an approved veterans' flag holder or within an approved vase. Height of the flag should not exceed two and one-half feet. Other type of flags are not permitted.

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INTERMENTS

1. Town of Harpersville will not be responsible for opening and closing of grave. This must be coordinated with funeral director.
2. Funeral processions, upon entering the Cemetery, shall be under the direction and subject to the directions of the Funeral Director.
3. No interment will be permitted, or body received unless lot is validated by the Town clerk or other town official.
4. Only one interment (including cremains) shall be made in a grave, except a mother and an infant, or two children in one casket.
5. A vault that meets the requirements of state and local laws regulations is required for all burials. Vaults cannot be installed before they are needed (normally not earlier than 24 hours before the interment).