

Rules and Regulations of the Oswegatchie Cemetery Town of Fine



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1. All lots in the Cemetery are sold in accordance with the adopted Rules & Regulations of the Town of Fine and shall not be used for any other purposes than as a burial place for dead human beings.
2. No interment shall be allowed without permission from the Town of Fine before burial. When applying for permission, the following information must be furnished.
 - A. Name of deceased.
 - B. Age of deceased including date of birth, if known.
 - C. Place of birth of deceased, if known.
 - D. Date of Death
 - E. Time and Date of interment.
 - F. If not an adult, the names of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the deceased.
3. Lot owners are prohibited from allowing interments on their lots for compensation or resale.
Interments in a lot are restricted to those entitled to burial therein according to the terms of Section 1512 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. Permission for burial of those not entitled to burial according to the said section, must be filed with the Town of Fine by the lot owner(s).
4. The full purchase price must be paid before a deed will be given or burial allowed on the lot.
5. The Oswegatchie Cemetery Town of Fine reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths, or other decorations once they become unsightly.
6. The cemetery will be cleaned of all flags, plastic flowers, ornaments, and all other decorations after October 31 and before May 1 of each year.
7. Funeral must be at the cemetery by 2 PM in Order that the workmen will have sufficient time to properly close or open the grave and remove equipment before 6 PM.
8. All funerals, processions and vehicles will be under the control of the gravedigger while in the cemetery.
9. Placing of glass blocks or vases as receptacles for flowers, either artificial or grown on graves or plots is prohibited.
10. All foundations will be constructed by or under the direction of the monument company.
11. Cornerstones must be purchased and placed on lot at the time of purchase. The Town of Fine will install.
12. All work done in the cemetery shall be done under the direction of the Town of Fine. Volunteers must file a volunteer form with the Town annually.
13. Only one monument shall be allowed on a lot and it all shall be set in accordance with the general plan of the cemetery (military plaques excluded.)
14. Monuments are restricted in size to dimensions which will not cover more than 25% of the surface area of the lot. Every monument shall be at least 6 inches in thickness.
15. The bases of all monuments shall be finished true and level so as to fit on foundation with no overhang wedging or sprawls.
16. Lots will be sold in order and not random spots throughout the cemetery.
17. All headstones will face the same direction in a row and be online.
18. No monuments will be allowed to be delivered in the cemetery until the foundation is installed and ready to receive the monument.
19. Heavy trucking or other vehicular traffic shall be refused entrance to the cemetery when in the opinion of the Town of Fine.
20. All persons shall be allowed access to the cemetery during the daylight hours observing the rules which are in effect and the propriety due the Town of Fine.
21. All monument or markers must be constructed of granite or bronze or marble.
22. Disinterment will be allowed between June 1 and September 1 provided there is compliance with all provisions set forth.
23. Interments on Sundays and holidays will be governed by the Town of Fine.
24. Graves will not be opened between November 1 and April 30, when frost and weather conditions warrant such refusal. Bodies received for interment (burial) during this time will be placed in the vault until after April 30. All bodies left in the vault after June 1 will 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 the responsibility of the deceased.
25. Cremated remains will not be permitted to be scattered in any part of the cemetery.
26. Concrete vaults are required for all full burials/interments in all graves purchased on or after April 1
27. The interment of cremated remains will be permitted only in appropriate rigid receptacles such as wood metal plastic or concrete.
28. Only one human remains and/or 2 cremated human remains will be permitted in each grave. No animals shall be allowed to be buried on a grave or in the cemetery.

These rules and regulations may be amended at anytime
By the Town of Fine Board.
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