

Old St. Andrew's Cemetery Regulations

Effective June 30, 2011

Old St. Andrew's Church is an ecclesiastical society organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut. It owns and operates Old St. Andrew's Cemetery in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut and the rules and discipline of the Episcopal Church. Governance of the cemetery shall be by the Vestry with operational oversight by an appointed Cemetery Committee who shall choose a Cemeterian to administer the operations. **Privileges of burial within the cemetery shall be limited to members of the parish and to such other persons as the Cemetery Committee may from time to time determine.**

1. All rules and regulations governing Old St. Andrew's Cemetery enacted prior to the effective date of these rules and regulations are null and void.
2. All graves shall be opened and closed by Old St. Andrew's Cemetery. Old St. Andrew's Cemetery or its contractor shall be responsible for grave preparation. A thirty-six (36) hour notice is required. Fees for this service shall be established from time to time by resolution of the Cemetery Committee.
3. Burial vaults shall be required on all burials, excluding cremains. Vaults must be constructed of concrete or steel.
4. One full burial may be interred in a grave site (plot). Exceptions to this rule include: (1) one regular burial and one infant burial, (2) two infant/children burials, (3) four cremations, (4) one regular burial and one cremation.
5. The scattering of ashes in Old St. Andrew's Cemetery is not permitted.
6. The local health officer must approve all disinterment or reinterment requests.
7. An interment agreement shall be prepared for each sale of a burial plot(s). The purchase of a plot or the issuance of an interment agreement does not transfer ownership of property but is transferring the right of burial of human remains on that land. Burial plots shall be paid in full at the time of purchase. The purchase price for a plot shall be established from time to time by resolution of the Cemetery Committee.
8. Regarding the transfer of plots, a plot owner may sell or convey a plot(s) only to family members, only after a notarized affidavit is presented to the OSA Cemeterian stating the specifics of such transfer. A plot owner may propose the return of their unused plots to the Cemetery. The Cemetery Committee will decide on a case by case basis whether to accept such a return. If the Committee does accept the return, the owner will be refunded the original purchase price and the interment agreement will be amended accordingly.
9. A copy of these rules and regulations shall be given to every purchaser of a cemetery plot(s).
10. Cemetery hours are sunrise to sunset.
11. No plots shall be filled above established grades, nor shall any be permanently mounded. Mounds hinder the free use of a lawn mower or other gardening apparatus and are therefore prohibited.
12. No enclosure shall be permitted around plots. Surfaces other than earth or sod are prohibited.
13. Perpetual care on plots shall consist of: mowing, seeding and filling of sunken graves as deemed necessary by the Cemeterian. This care in no case shall mean the maintenance, repair or replacement of any memorial marker placed in the cemetery.
14. Old St. Andrew's Cemetery shall not be liable for loss or breakage of floral pieces, baskets, pots or frames in which, or to which, such floral pieces are attached or contained beyond the day of burials.
15. All funeral flowers must be removed within ten (10) days of the funeral; otherwise they will be removed and discarded.
- 16. No flowers, shrubs, trees or vegetation of any type shall be planted without the approval of Old St. Andrew's Cemetery. Any of the foregoing items planted without such approval will be removed.**

17. Old St. Andrew's Cemetery shall have the authority to remove all floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, plants, or herbage of any kind from the Cemetery as soon as they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, diseased, or when they do not conform to the standard maintained.

18. All winter decorations must be removed by April 1 of each year. All summer decorations must be removed by October 1. Old St. Andrew's Cemetery shall remove flowers, wreaths, blankets, pillows, etc. twice a year. Spring clean-up will be between April 1 and May 15. Fall clean-up will be between October 1 and October 31 every year.

19. The design of memorial headstones (markers) shall be approved in writing by the Cemeterian. A sketch drawn to scale showing all dimensions and materials shall be submitted for approval prior to foundation work.

20. All grave markers shall be located by the Cemeterian and in accordance with the existing row of headstones. Any item placed in the cemetery shall not to hamper mowing duties.

21. All foundations shall be installed by the memorial maker or his contractor at the location determined by the Cemeterian in accordance with #20 above. Specifications for installation of marker foundations are as follows: The foundation shall be at least two (2) inches wider and two (2) inches longer than the marker resting upon it, and six (6) inches in depth. All markers shall be centered upon the foundation.

22. If there is more than one marker on a plot, all other markers will be placed flush with the ground.

23. Old St. Andrew's Cemetery reserves, and shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made either in making interments, disinterments or removals. In the event such error shall involve the interment of remains, Old St. Andrew's Cemetery shall have the right to remove or transfer such remains so interred to another plot of equal value and similar location.

24. The Cemetery Committee may make temporary additional rules as may be needed, from time to time, to meet emergencies which are not covered by these Rules. Special cases may arise in which the liberal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The Cemeterian may make exceptions, suspensions, or modifications of any of these Rules when such action appears necessary, and such temporary exception, suspension or modification shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of such Rules.