



HOLY FAMILY CEMETERY

Mausoleum, Ground, Tomb, and Cremation Burials



RULES AND REGULATIONS

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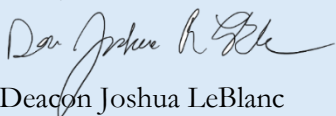
Welcome to Holy Family Cemetery. It is our honor to provide a sacred and serene resting place for you and your loved ones. As you navigate our Cemetery and honor your loved ones, we are committed to ensuring a respectful and peaceful environment for all who enter our gates.

This handbook has been thoughtfully prepared to guide you through the rules and regulations that govern our Cemetery. These guidelines reflect our dedication to preserving the sanctity of this holy ground and upholding the values of the Catholic faith. They are designed to ensure that all visitors and families experience a respectful and harmonious atmosphere.

Within these pages, you will find important information on our policies regarding the care and maintenance of graves, allowable memorials and decorations, and other regulations that help us maintain the dignity and sacredness of our Cemetery. We encourage you to review these guidelines thoroughly to ensure a respectful experience for all. These guidelines were prepared in accordance with the Louisiana Cemetery Board Rules and Regulations, the Civil Law of the State of Louisiana, the Canon Law of the Church, and recommendations of the Catholic Cemetery Association.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office. We are here to support you and ensure your experience with us is as comforting and respectful as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain the sacredness of Holy Family Cemetery.



Deacon Joshua LeBlanc
Executive Director



“Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies.”

– Order of Christian Funerals

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PREAMBLE

Since the time the Sacred Body of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, was solemnly laid in the tomb, awaiting the moment of His glorious Resurrection, the Church has consistently ensured that the burial of those who hope to rise with Christ is conducted with deep Christian faith and reverence. In the Funeral Mass and burial prayers, the Church affirms its belief in the Christian doctrines of the Resurrection of the Body, the Communion of Saints, and Life Everlasting. Additionally, to further signify and symbolize this faith, the Church dedicates and solemnly blesses the places where the bodies of the faithful departed rest in anticipation of the Resurrection of the Dead.

For Christians, death is not the end but rather birth to eternal life. Through Baptism, we unite ourselves with the sacred mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection, giving us the hope of eternal life. In the Creed, we profess, "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." As believers awaiting Christ's return, the Church has long established sacred places for the faithful departed. These sacred sites, marked by blessings, daily prayers for those interred, and religious symbols and shrines, serve as tangible expressions of reverence, respect, honor, and tradition.

Burial in a Catholic Cemetery reflects a continued belief in everlasting life, even in death. The following rules and regulations are implemented to uphold these sacred values and ensure orderly conduct for the benefit of all.

I. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1.01 PURPOSE OF THIS HANDBOOK

These rules and regulations are designed to protect Holy Family Cemetery and its owners of interment rights as a group. They are not intended to be restraining but rather prevent the inconsiderate from taking unfair advantage of others. Their enforcement will help protect Holy Family Cemetery (the "Cemetery") and create and preserve its beauty. All owners of interment rights, visitors, and contractors performing work within the Cemetery shall be subject to said rules and regulations, amendments, or alterations as shall be adopted by the Cemetery from time to time.

1.02 MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

The Cemetery may and hereby expressly reserves the right, at any time, without notice to the owner, to adopt new rules and regulations or to amend, alter, and repeal any rule, regulation, article, section, paragraph, or sentence in these rules and regulations.

1.03 SUSPENSION OF RULES IN SPECIAL CASES

Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The Cemetery, therefore, reserves the right, without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions, or modifications in any of the rules and regulations when, in its judgment, the same appears advisable, and such exception, suspension, or modification shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of such.

1.04 SCOPE AND EFFECT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

All owners and persons within the Cemetery and all spaces sold shall be subject to the rules and to such other rules, amendments, or alterations as shall be adopted by this Cemetery. The reference to these rules in the deed or certificate of ownership shall have the same force and effect as if outlined in full in such deed or certificate of ownership.

1.05 APPLICATION OF LOUISIANA CEMETERIES ACT

Except as expressly provided in this agreement with the owner, which incorporates these Rules and Regulations by reference, the provisions of the Louisiana Cemeteries Act, LA R.S. 8.1, et seq., apply.

1.06 CARE OF CEMETERY RESERVED TO HOLY FAMILY CEMETERY

All grading, landscape work, improvements of any kind, and all care of spaces, mausoleums, niches, crypts, memorials, and adjacent areas shall be made. All trees, shrubs, and herbage of any kind shall be planted, trimmed, cut, or removed, and all opening and closing of spaces and all interments, disinterments, and removals shall be made only by the Cemetery.

1.07 TIME AND CHARGES

All interments, disinterments, and removals must be scheduled and made in the manner and upon such charges as fixed by the Cemetery.

1.08 PAYMENTS AND SERVICE CHARGES

Arrangements for the payment of any indebtedness due to the Cemetery must be made before interment will be made in any space. The Cemetery management shall determine the charges for all cemetery services, and they must be paid when the order of interment or disinterment and removal is issued. All charges past due will bear interest at one and one-half (1.5%) percent per month.

1.09 CEMETERY TO ENFORCE RULES

Through an authorized representative, the Cemetery is hereby empowered to enforce all rules and regulations and exclude any person violating them from its property. The Cemetery shall be in charge of the grounds and buildings. It shall at all times have the right (but not the obligation) to exercise authority over all persons in the Cemetery, including funerals, traffic, employees, owners, and visitors.

1.10 PURPOSE OF THE CEMETERY

Holy Family Cemetery is established for the interment of persons who are entitled to Christian burial according to the rules and discipline of the Catholic Church. Determination of the issue of the propriety of burial of a non-Catholic member of a lot holder's family or of any person not entitled to Christian burial according to the rules and discipline of the Catholic Church shall be within the sole discretion of the Cemetery Authority, and such decision shall be final.

1.11 BURIALS OF NON-CATHOLICS

Interments of non-Catholics will be permitted in the Cemetery, providing no state law or doctrine, teaching, and discipline of the Catholic Church, and the Diocese of Lafayette prohibits such burials.

On those occasions when a non-Catholic is permitted by the Cemetery to be interred, the minister may conduct the interment service in accordance with the precepts of the deceased person's religion as long as those precepts do not conflict with the Catholic Faith. If the family of the non-Catholic deceased person requests a Catholic priest or deacon to conduct the burial service, he will use the Rite of Committal from the Order of Christian Funerals (1989) unless the family specifically requests the use of a ritual authorized by another church or denomination (e.g., The Book of Common Prayer).

1.12 FUNERAL LITURGIES AND USE OF CHAPEL

The normal venue for the funeral liturgy is in the church of the decedent. For pastoral reasons, the Cemetery may grant permission to celebrate the funeral liturgy in the mausoleum chapel. In such cases, the Cemetery reserves the right to charge a fee for the use of the mausoleum chapel.

1.13 EXCEPTION AND MODIFICATIONS

These rules may not be modified or waived except by the Cemetery in writing.

II. LOT OWNERS AND OWNERSHIP

2.01 NATURE OF OWNERSHIP AND RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP

Ownership is limited to a specific and limited right of use, which right consists of the right of interment and the right to use the ground space, mausoleum, niche, or crypt (hereinafter referred to as “space”) for a period of time, as established from time to time by the Cemetery management. The space can be used for no other purpose and cannot be divided. Should an owner die without a will or any known next of kin and not utilize the space, the space shall revert to the Cemetery. Burial spaces shall only be utilized for the burial of human remains and under no circumstance shall the burial of animal remains, whether cremated or not, be permitted under any circumstances.

2.02 RECORDS OF OWNERSHIP

The Cemetery strives to keep accurate records of spaces sold within the Cemetery at all times. However, it shall be the responsibility of the space owners to present proof of ownership of burial rights at the time of any interment in the form of a contract, deed, or receipt. It shall also be the responsibility of the space owner to provide proof of any services or items pre-purchased to claim said services or items.

2.03 EFFECT OF AUTHORIZATION

Louisiana Law (LA R.S. 8:656) provides that any person signing any authorization for the interment or cremation of any remains warrants the truthfulness of any fact outlined in the authorization, the identity of the person whose remains are sought to be interred or cremated, and his authority to order the interment or cremation, and such person shall be personally liable for all damages occasioned by or resulting from breach of such warranty.

2.04 CERTIFICATE OF SPACE OWNERSHIP

A Certificate of Right of Burial shall be issued to each owner upon payment of the total purchase price. Every space shall be subject to the Cemetery’s rules, conditions, and restrictions. A certificate of Right of Burial and these rules and any amendments to such regulations shall be the sole agreement between the Cemetery and the owner, and no such statement of any sales agent or representative contrary to such rules shall bind the Cemetery. The individual(s) listed on the deed as the Deed holder shall be considered the owner of a cemetery space (LA R.S. 8:801)

2.05 NOTICE TO CEMETERY ON DEATH OF OWNER; NAME OF HEIR

Within ninety (90) days after the death of the registered owner of a ground space, mausoleum, niche, or crypt, the Cemetery should be given the name and address of the new owner, together with satisfactory evidence of ownership. If the registered owner died intestate, an acknowledged statement by someone satisfactory to the Cemetery should be provided, giving the names and addresses of all the owner's heirs and next of kin.

2.06 NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF OWNER

The space owner must notify the Cemetery of any change of address. Written notice sent to an owner at all the last address on file in the office of the Director of the Cemetery shall be considered sufficient legal notice.

2.07 OWNER'S USE OF CEMETERY ROADS AND WALKS; ACCESS TO CEMETERY GROUNDS

No easement or right of way is granted to any owner in any road, drive, alley, or walk within the Cemetery. Such road, drive, alley, or walk may be used as a means of access to the Cemetery or buildings, only as long as and to the extent the Cemetery devotes it to that purpose. Owners and their families and friends shall be allowed access to the cemetery grounds only in accordance with these rules.

2.08 RULE CONCERNING PAYMENT OF PURCHASE

The purchaser of a space shall not have any rights in or to such space until the purchase price for such space has been paid in full and a deed or certificate of ownership has been issued. In case of default by the owner (or purchaser), the Cemetery, in addition to all other rights, shall have the right to declare the agreement with the owner/purchaser rescinded and to retain all payments as liquidated damages. The Cemetery reserves the right to move the deceased to another space if the designated space is not paid for when due.



2.09 NO INTERMENT OR MEMORIALS PERMITTED UNLESS PROPERTY PAID FOR, LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

No interment shall be permitted or memorial placed in or on any space not fully paid for except by special consent of the Cemetery in writing in each and every case, and in the event such consent of the Cemetery is given, all interments or memorials placed in or on said space shall be considered temporary and no rights shall be acquired by the purchaser of said interment or interments until such property is fully paid for in cash, including principal and interest; and in case the purchaser of said property shall fail to meet all payments within thirty days after the Cemetery demands the same, said demand to be given by mailing notice to the purchaser to his address as it appears on the records of the Cemetery, then in addition to all other rights, the Cemetery may re-enter said property, take possession thereof and terminate the rights of the purchaser therein. The Cemetery shall be released from all obligations thereunder, and it may retain such payments as may have been made toward the purchaser of such property as liquidated damages. The Cemetery also reserved the right and shall have the right immediately to at any time thereafter, without notice, at its discretion, to remove to single graves, to be chosen by the Cemetery, each of the remains then interred in said property. The Cemetery, further, shall have the right to remove any memorial that may have been placed on said space.

2.10 PROHIBITION AGAINST BURIAL OF STRANGERS

No one shall be interred in the Cemetery who does not have an interest in such space except by written consent of the interested parties and of the Cemetery provided; however, a relative of any record owner may be buried as provided in these rules of in the laws of the State of Louisiana.

2.11 DEPOSIT REQUIRED

As fixed by the Cemetery, a deposit shall be required when placing the remains in a crypt for temporary burial. Upon failure to make suitable arrangements for the final disposition of the remains within six months, or upon failure to pay rental, the Cemetery may, at its discretion, remove the body and inter it in a single grave space after first having mailed a registered letter to the last address shown on its records of the person who made the placement, stating its final intention of creating said removal, and retain said deposit as liquidated damages.

2.12 RESTRICTION OF SPACE TO BURIAL

A space is not to be used for any other purpose than as a place of burial for the dead or as a memorial to the dead.

III. CONDUCT OF PERSONS WITHIN THE CEMETERY

3.01 ADMISSION TO THE CEMETERY

The Cemetery is a private corporation. The Cemetery reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone and to refuse the use of any of the cemetery facilities at any time to any person or persons whom the Cemetery may deem objectionable to the best interests of the Cemetery.

3.02 CEMETERY IN CHARGE OF FUNERALS

Upon reaching the Cemetery, all funerals shall be subject to the direction of the Cemetery.

3.03 FOOD, BEVERAGES, AND LIQUOR FORBIDDEN

No person shall be permitted to bring food or drink of any kind upon Cemetery spaces or buildings. Possessing alcohol of any type anywhere on Cemetery grounds is forbidden and will result in immediate expulsion from the cemetery grounds.

3.04 MUST USE GATES

No one shall enter or leave the Cemetery except on an open, paved road through an open gate. All Workers shall stop at the office, state their business, and obtain permission to proceed. They shall then present said permission to the Cemetery Director before engaging in any activity.

3.05 USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Trucks and other motor vehicles shall be driven only on roads as the Cemetery may designate.

3.06 TRESPASSERS ON CEMETERY SPACES

Only the owners and their relatives shall be permitted on a cemetery space. Any other person thereon shall be considered a trespasser, and the Cemetery shall owe no duty to said trespasser to keep the property in a reasonably safe condition.

3.07 CHILDREN

Children under sixteen (16) years old shall not be permitted in the Cemetery or its buildings unless accompanied by an adult over eighteen (18) years of age.

3.08 FLOWERS AND WILDLIFE

All persons in the Cemetery are prohibited from gathering wild or cultivated flowers, breaking trees, shrubbery or plants, feeding the birds or fish, or other animal life.

3.09 LOUNGING ON GROUNDS

No person shall be permitted to sit, lounge, or loiter on any grounds, graves, monuments in the Cemetery, or buildings.

3.10 LOUD TALKING

No loud talking, boisterous, or indecent conduct shall be permitted on the cemetery grounds.

3.11 RUBBISH

Throwing rubbish on the drives and paths or any part of the grounds or buildings is prohibited. Receptacles for waste materials are located at convenient places throughout the property for proper waste disposal.

3.12 AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS

Automobiles shall not be driven through the grounds at speeds greater than fifteen miles per hour (15 M.P.H.) and must always be kept on the right-hand side. Automobiles are not allowed to park or come to a complete stop in front of an open grave unless such automobiles are present at the funeral. Vehicles must not be turned around in the avenues. Funeral directors will be held responsible for the actions of all vehicle drivers or others employed by them while within the grounds of the Cemetery. Heavy trucks or vehicles with heavy loads shall not enter the grounds without obtaining permission from the Cemetery Executive Director. They are prohibited from driving on the main avenue.

3.13 BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES, AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

No bicycles or motorcycles shall be admitted to the Cemetery except those who may be part of a bona fide funeral procession or on business. Recreational equipment such as skates, skateboards, scooters, ATVs, or similar items are prohibited on cemetery grounds or buildings.

3.14 PEDDLING OR SOLICITATION

Peddling flowers or plants or soliciting the sale of any commodity other than by Cemetery employees is prohibited at all times.

3.15 FIREARMS

Only those persons authorized by management, including law enforcement officers, military honor guards, and those holding current concealed handgun permits issued by the State of Louisiana, shall be permitted to bring firearms to the Cemetery.

3.16 NOTICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS

No signs, notices, or advertisements shall be allowed in the Cemetery unless placed by the Cemetery itself.

3.17 ANIMALS

Other than bonafide service animals, no animals are allowed on the cemetery grounds or buildings.

3.18 HOURS OF OPERATION AND OFFICE HOURS

The cemetery grounds and mausoleum buildings shall be open as determined by the Cemetery from time to time. The grounds and mausoleum buildings are open daily from 7:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time and 7:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. during Standard Time. The Cemetery office shall be open as posted on the cemetery office door. The hours of operation for Interments shall be Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Any interments outside of these hours may be subject to additional fees as determined by the Cemetery.

In cases of inclement weather, the Cemetery Director may close the Cemetery at his/her discretion for the safety of visitors.

3.19 DEFACING PROHIBITED

All persons are strictly forbidden to break or injure any tree or shrub, mar any landmark, marker, or memorial, or deface the grounds of the Cemetery.

3.20 RESTRICTED AREAS

Owners and Visitors are restricted to areas where burials are made for the express purpose of visiting graves. Under no circumstances are non-employees permitted in areas behind mausoleums, closets, or the maintenance shed without being accompanied by an employee. Violators of this section are subject to trespass.

3.21 PHOTOGRAPHY

General photography may take place on cemetery grounds for personal use. Photography may not be taken for professional use or publication without the Cemetery's express written permission. Photography should not be taken of interment, entombment, and inurnment services considered sacred and personal and, therefore, must be celebrated in a peaceful and private atmosphere. Photography should not be taken of open vaults or graves.

3.22 NO PAYMENT TO EMPLOYEES

No money shall be paid to cemetery employees except by the Cemetery in exchange for their duties as cemetery employees. The entire time of the persons regularly employed on the grounds belongs to the Cemetery. Visitors and owners must not otherwise engage employees for non-cemetery business purposes. All orders, inquiries, and complaints must be made at the Cemetery Executive Director's office.

3.23 IMPROPRIETIES

It is of the utmost importance that there be strict observance of all proprieties in the Cemetery, whether embraced in these rules or not. No improprieties shall be allowed, and the Cemetery shall have the power to prevent improper assemblages and boisterous and inappropriate conduct.

3.24 STRICT ENFORCEMENT

All persons are reminded that the grounds are sacredly devoted to the burial of the dead, and the provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by statute, will be strictly enforced in all cases of trespass, wanton injury, disturbance, and disregard of the rules.



CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS – PERMIT REQUIRED

The Cemetery will not allow work to be done or placed upon a space unless a written order from the owner is presented and a permit has been obtained from the cemetery office after having presented proper proof of the minimum required insurance amount. A “Contractor” means any person, firm, or corporation engaged in setting any vault or memorial, or performing any other work on the cemetery grounds, other than an employee of the cemetery, whether for a fee or not. This rule applies to cutting inscriptions, cleaning and setting monuments and markers, et cetera, and removing anything from a space. Contractors (monument dealers) and their employees will not be permitted to work in the Cemetery on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays or before 8:00 am or after 3:00 pm on weekdays. All orders taken for work done shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Cemetery. The Cemetery reserves the right to suspend any work without notice when, in the opinion of the Cemetery, there is a failure to conform to the rules and regulations prescribed here or for any other reason, such as failure to make proper preparations to do the work contemplated, inability to provide efficient tools and machinery; conduct of the work in such a manner as to endanger life or property; failure to comply with any reasonable request of the Cemetery Executive Director in the conduct of the work; or failure to execute the work according to specifications, et cetera. Before starting to set up any monument or memorial work, contractors must first submit it for inspection to the Cemetery, and no such work may be started without written permission. Monuments must not be brought to the grounds, nor monumental construction begun on the day preceding a Sunday or holiday, nor on any day when the roads or grounds are in a soft or wet condition. No heavy hauling will be allowed in inclement weather, and planks must be laid to protect the lawn from injury when heavy material is to be moved over the lawn. Material for erecting work will not be allowed on the grounds until proper foundations are ready. Inquiry should be made in advance to determine if the foundation is prepared. All resecting work must be done as rapidly as possible, and the material not used must be removed as the work is completed. Workers must not scatter material over adjoining spaces or leave the same on the grounds any longer than is necessary. Ropes or lines must not be attached to trees, shrubs, or other objects in the Cemetery without permission of the Cemetery. No post or anchors shall be sunk in the ground without the consent of the Cemetery Executive Director and then only in spots specifically designated. Large quantities of material will not be allowed to be brought into the Cemetery before its immediate use to maintain a neat appearance.

IV. VAULTS, NICHES, AND CRYPTS

4.01 TEMPORARY ONLY

Receiving vaults are for temporary use only. Under no circumstances shall a body placed in a receiving vault be considered interred or buried.

4.02 REMOVING OR EMBALMING REMAINS

Without notice, the Cemetery reserves the right to move and remove from its vaults and cremate or inter any remains not in a good state of preservation or when the condition of the body renders its interment necessary. The Cemetery may also permit an embalmer to do preservative work on remains when such work appears appropriate and necessary in the judgment of cemetery staff.

4.03 REMAINS OF PERSONS WITH INFECTIONS OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE

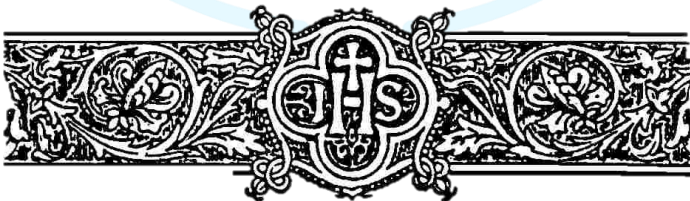
At the sole discretion of the Cemetery, the remains of any person who has died of an infectious or contagious disease shall not be allowed to be placed in a receiving vault.

4.04 VAULTS

Only concrete or fiberglass vaults approved by the Cemetery will be permitted to be used for burial; however, a vault of concrete liner quality or better must be used for each burial. Wooden vaults are forbidden.

4.05 ENCLOSURE OF CASKET

In every earth interment, the casket shall be enclosed in a concrete box or vault or an outer wall of stone, brick, or concrete, the actual installation of which shall be made by an employee of the Cemetery or designee of the Cemetery Executive Director



4.06 CREMATED REMAINS

In 1963, the Catholic Church lifted the prohibition on cremation only if it was not chosen as an opposition to the Resurrection of the body. The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes using a worthy vessel to contain the cremated remains, how they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The intent of the Catholic Church is to have the cremated remains of the human body buried in a grave or inurned in a columbarium. The Cemetery offers several options for in-ground burial and inurnment of cremated remains. The practice of scattering or keeping cremated remains in the home is not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. The Catholic Church recommends that the cremation take place after the Funeral Liturgy. The Cemetery requires the use of an outer container for all interments of cremated remains. Cremation niches only allow one burial per space. On lots that allow a monument or boulder, the cremated remains of a second person may be placed inside a specially designed memorial approved by the management. In regular-sized graves, a second and a third burial in the form of cremated remains may be allowed. All second and third burials in a grave will be subject to a second and third right of burial fee. The family is responsible for arranging for a priest or a deacon to preside over the service. The inside dimensions of a niche are 10½ (width) x 10½ (height) x 10½ (depth).

4.07 HOLY INNOCENTS SECTION

The Holy Innocents Section of Holy Family Cemetery provides a resting place for all infants and children, acknowledging that life begins at conception. Because of the Catholic belief that all human life is a sacred gift from conception through eternity, the Cemetery is committed to providing respectful and economical burial options for stillborn infants and newborns. This section is reserved for the burial of children under one (1) year of age with outer containers not exceeding 24" in length and 12" in width.

Burials in the Holy Innocents Section of the Cemetery shall be free of charge, but families will be required to purchase a cemetery-approved granite marker with a bronze plaque indicating the infant's name. Granite markers shall be 20" in length and 12" in width. The bronze marker shall be at least 6" x 6". The infant's name on the marker must match the name recorded on the death certificate. A casket or a wooden burial container is required.

V. INTERMENT AND DISINTERMENT

5.01 INTERMENT FEES

Unless otherwise indicated in a contract, interment (open and close) fees are not included in the purchase of any space. Interment fees and memorialization fees are due at the time of need.

5.02 PRIOR NOTICE

The Cemetery reserves the right to receive at least sixteen (16) business hours' notice before any interment or service and at least three (3) business days' notice before any disinterment or removal.

5.03 PROHIBITION AGAINST INTERMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ON CERTAIN DAYS

No interment, disinterment, or removals shall be permitted on Sunday or any legal holiday. Interment after 3:00 pm on Weekdays and any time on Saturdays may incur an additional charge as determined by the Cemetery. No interment service shall be held on Christmas, Good Friday, or Easter Sunday. When any holiday falls or is legally observed on a Saturday or Monday, funerals will be received on the last business day preceding the holiday, but no further or final disposition will be made. The Cemetery reserves the right to limit hours and days of interment without notice.

5.04 POSTPONEMENT BY CEMETERY

The Cemetery may postpone an interment until a more reasonable time. If the remains arrive at the Cemetery entrance after 3:00 pm, or if, in the sole determination of the Cemetery, too many funerals are to occur at or about the same time.



VI. INTERMENT AND DISINTERMENT

6.01 REARRANGEMENT AND REUSE

The Cemetery reserves the right to move, remove, and rearrange remains for rearrangement, reuse, or correct errors. Except in certain situations enumerated by statute (LA R.S. 8:660), Louisiana Law (LA R.S. 8:659) provides that the remains of a deceased person may be moved from a cemetery space to another cemetery space with the consent of the Cemetery Authority and the written consent of the following, in other order named, unless other directions, in writing, have been given by the decedent:

1. The surviving spouse, if not judicially separated from the decedent;
2. The decedent's surviving adult children, not including grandchildren or other more removed descendants;
3. The surviving parents of the decedent;
4. The surviving adult brothers and sisters of the decedent.

If additional consent is required and cannot be obtained, a final judgment of the district court of Iberia Parish shall be required.

6.02 AUTHORIZATION BY OWNER

The Cemetery may cremate, inter, or open a space for any purpose on written authorization by any record owner made out on forms approved by the Cemetery and duly filled in its office unless there are written instructions to the contrary on file in the office. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Cemetery may move, rearrange, disinter, or reinter for reasons deemed necessary by the Cemetery or because of failure to pay a legitimate debt.

6.03 PAYMENT

All charges for cemetery services must be paid in full when the order of interment or disinterment and removal is issued.

6.04 EXCLUSIVE USE OF EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES OF CEMETERY

Tents, artificial grass, lowering devices, and other equipment owned by the Cemetery shall be used exclusively in making interments, disinterments, and removals, and all graves shall be dug by workers employed or contracted by the Cemetery.

6.05 LIMITATIONS OF THE NUMBER OF BODIES IN BURIAL SPACES

Nor more than one body, or the remains of more than one body, shall be interred in one space unless authorized in the written purchase agreement, or except by written consent of the Cemetery, and provided proper identification is made of such interment or interments on one regulation crypt, niche, memorial or marker. If more than one burial is permitted in a space, the Cemetery reserves the right to assess additional fees for interment rights to those remains and any additional interment fees. Additional interment rights shall be subject to the rate of ½ of the burial right of a space and subject to interment (open and close) fees.

6.06 LIMITATION OF INTERMENT TO MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATION-OWNED SPACE

When a space is owned by a church, lodge, or other organization, interments shall be limited to the members of such church, lodge, or other organization, their husbands or wives, and immediate members of their families.

6.07 OPENING AND CLOSING OF GRAVES

The Cemetery will regulate the charges for occasionally opening and closing a grave and keeping cemetery spaces in order. All opening and closings will occur during interment hours, as stated in section 3.18 of this agreement.

6.08 BURIALS IN SPACES WITH UNPAID CHARGES OR ASSESSMENT

No interment will be permitted to be made in any space against which there may be any unpaid charges or assessments.

6.09 WRITTEN PERMISSION BEFORE BURIAL

The Cemetery reserves the right to refuse interment in any space and to refuse to open any burial space for any purpose except on a written application by the owner of record made out on blanks provided by the Cemetery and duly filed in the office of the Cemetery. No interment can take place without a written permit from the Cemetery. Such a written permit shall contain the name, age, cause of death, date of death, date of burial, and whether the decedent was married or unmarried.

6.10 DEPTH AND SPACE BETWEEN GRAVES

The Cemetery reserves the right to establish minimum spacing between ground spaces and all other matters involving the location of spaces.

6.11 SCATTERING OF ASHES PROHIBITED

Because the Church respects the dignity of the body, cremated remains may not be scattered on the ground anywhere in the Cemetery.

6.12 BURIAL PERMITS

Funeral directors or families must furnish the Cemetery with the proper permits before any interment will be permitted.

6.13 WRITTEN CONSENT BEFORE DISINTERMENT

All disinterments must be made by or under the direct authorization of the Cemetery. Cemetery employees or designated contractors shall do the same if a disinterment is permitted. The Cemetery shall assume no liability for damage to any casket, case, urn, vault, or concrete box incurred during the disinterment process. Any person desiring to disinter a body from the space of another must present a written permit signed by the owner for such removal and sign a request to make such removal. These shall remain on file in the Cemetery office.

6.14 MAY OBTAIN LARGER SPACE

A body, or cremated remains, may be removed from its original space to a larger or better space in the Cemetery by heirs or successors in interest when there has been an exchange or purchase for that purpose.

6.15 SUBJECT TO LAWS

Besides being subject to these rules and regulations, all interments, disinterments, and removals are made subject to the orders and laws of the properly constituted authorities of the Parish of Iberia and the State of Louisiana, as well as the discipline of the Catholic Church and the Catholic Diocese of Lafayette.

VII. MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

7.01 GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

All foundations for monuments and memorials shall be installed by or under the direction of the Cemetery. When existing entrance sills must be removed to make way for an interment, they shall not be replaced unless foundations are first installed by or under the direction of the Cemetery; the charges shall be reasonable, uniform, and in accordance with charges made for all other foundations. No stone of any kind is permitted.

7.02 GENERAL RULES CONCERNING THE ERECTION OF MEMORIALS

Only one memorial shall be erected per cemetery space or on any number of contiguous spaces held by the same owner, except by special written permission of the Cemetery Executive Director

7.03 MEMORIALS LIMITED TO BRONZE TABLETS

Only bronze tablets or markers approved by the Cemetery shall be allowed, and they must be set level with the ground at the head of each grave. No markers may embrace two or more lots, nor shall double markers be permitted unless expressly permitted by the Cemetery.

7.04 MEMORIAL, MARKER, AND VASE SPECIFICATIONS

The safest policy is to consult with Cemetery Management for memorial specifications. A complete selection of bronze memorials is available through the cemetery office. Because of extensive detailed regulations enforced by the Cemetery, in the control of the erection design and materials of the memorials, memorial dealers and owners should submit plans and specifications for approval of the Cemetery before entering any contract of sale or purchase or erection of the same with any person or firm. The placing and setting of work will not be allowed without the supervision of a cemetery employee. Specifications per section of the cemetery are listed below but may not be all inclusive. The Cemetery shall retain the right to final determination of markers and monuments.

7.04.1 GROUND BURIAL SPECIFICATIONS

All memorials burials in sections HFC, Plaza I Ground, and Plaza III Ground shall consist of 3-inch-thick flat granite of at least 28" wide x 16" tall topped with a bronze marker that shall leave no more than a 2" edge. Plain or engraved granite headstones without a bronze marker are prohibited in this section. Bronze markers must contain at least 87% copper, 5% tin, and no more than 5% zinc and 2% lead. Only Bronze vases are permitted in this section and must be placed on the granite headstone and not in the ground. No plastic or granite vases are permitted and will be removed.

7.04.2 MAUSOLEUM BURIAL SPECIFICATIONS

All mausoleum doors shall be adorned with bronze plaques except for the Original Mausoleum doors that have existing bronze lettering. For new burials in the Original Mausoleum, bronze plaques are to be used unless the Cemetery grants permission. Mausoleum doors that have pre-drilled holes for Last Name plates shall be at least 12" x 2" in size. Individual nameplates shall be at least 6.5" x 2". All bronze plaques shall have pre-drilled holes if pre-drilled holes exist on the door. Bronze plaques must contain at least 87% copper, 5% tin, and no more than 5% zinc and 2% lead. Engraving of mausoleum doors is prohibited. Either plastic or bronze vases are permitted on the doors. Under no circumstances shall granite or vases of any other material be placed on the ground and any such shall be removed by cemetery staff.

7.04.3 CREMATION GARDEN BURIAL SPECIFICATIONS

All cremation niche doors shall be adorned with bronze plaques. Niche doors that have pre-drilled holes for Last Name plates shall be at least 12" x 2" in size. Individual nameplates shall be at least 6.5" x 2" and allow for at least 1.5" of space around the plaque. All bronze plaques shall have pre-drilled holes if pre-drilled holes exist on the door. The engraving of granite doors in this section is prohibited. Bronze plaques must contain at least 87% copper, 5% tin, and no more than 5% zinc and 2% lead. Either plastic or bronze vases are permitted on the doors. Under no circumstances shall granite or vases of any other material be placed on the ground and any such shall be removed by cemetery staff.

7.04.4 TOMB SECTION BURIAL SPECIFICATIONS

Serpentine or slanted granite headstones with engraved lettering and bases are required in this section. Bronze markers may be permitted only if those markers are U.S. Government military markers issued by the U.S. Government and shall be placed at the foot of the ledger. Concrete burial vaults are required, and only gray granite ledgers are permitted. Only granite vases are permitted in this section and must be placed on the granite ledger. Any vases on the ground shall be removed by cemetery staff.

7.05 RIGHT TO REMOVE OFFENSIVE MEMORIALS OR INSCRIPTIONS, CORRECTION OF ERRORS

Should the Cemetery determine any memorial or inscription to be offensive, improper, or injurious to the appearance of the surrounding lots or ground, the Cemetery reserves the right to enter such space and cause the removal of the offensive of improper object or objects without notice. The Cemetery also reserves the right to correct an improper inscription, including an incorrect name or date, either on the memorial or the container for cremated remains.

7.06 CHARGES FOR REPAIR; NOTICE TO OWNER

If it becomes necessary to repair or reconstruct any memorial, or any portion of any such memorial associated with a ground space, mausoleum, niche, or crypt, which has been damaged, the Cemetery shall give a thirty (30) day written notice of the necessity for such repairs to the owner of record. The notice shall be given by mail addressed to the owner of record at the address stated on the books of the Cemetery. If the owner fails to repair the damage within a reasonable time, the Cemetery may direct that the repairs be made and charge the expense against the space and to the owner of record.

7.07 CEMETERY ENGAGED IN SALE OF MEMORIALS

The Cemetery reserves the right to engage in the buying and selling of any and all materials consistent with burial of the dead including vaults, tombs, mausoleums, monuments, copings, markers, borders, granite, marble, bronze, and other items. No other may be brought into the Cemetery except US Government makers and those approved by the Cemetery Authority.

7.08 NUMBER OF AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR URNS IN NICHE

All remains placed in niches must be in sealed containers, and only one memorial urn may be placed in an open-faced niche unless such niche has been purchased with the written agreement that more than one urn may be placed therein.

7.09 GOVERNMENT MARKERS

The United States government furnishes markers for the graves of veterans. Flat-type bronze, which is placed flush with the ground, is permitted. Space owners may be assessed a fee for installation and continual care of all bronze memorials before said marker is installed.

7.10 RESETTING

When any memorial has been set in place, it shall not be removed from there without the written permission of the Cemetery Executive Director. Such permission will be granted only upon filing with the Cemetery the owner's written consent to the removal and payment of the resetting charge in the case of resetting. However, when the memorial violates any of these rules, the Cemetery reserves the right to remove it or have it removed.

7.11 BENCHES, PLANTERS, ETC.

Benches, planters, etc. purchased and approved for placement on the cemetery grounds are understood to be a donation to the Cemetery. The amount donated is understood to be for the right to memorialize such items in memory of loved ones with the consent of the Cemetery. If a donated item is vandalized or damaged by any party, the Cemetery will make every effort to repair the item(s) within the limits of its available funding. If the item(s) cannot be repaired or replaced, and if it is a hazard or is unsightly, the Cemetery may remove the item at its sole discretion. The Cemetery holds ultimate ownership over all donated items, and it is prohibited for donors to decorate, personalize, or add adornment to or on these items beyond what is authorized by the Cemetery.

VIII. ADORNMENT AND DECORATIONS

8.01 CRYPT OR NICHE

All fittings, adornments, urns, inscriptions, nameplates, and plaques for crypts and niches are subject to the approval and control of the Cemetery. They shall not be installed except by a cemetery employee or contractor designated by the Cemetery.

8.02 TREE AND SHRUB REMOVAL

If any tree or shrub on any space encroaches or otherwise disturbs in any way the adjoining space, avenue, or walk, the Cemetery reserves the right to enter such space and remove the tree or shrub or any part of such tree or shrub. No tree growing on any space or border shall be injured or removed by any person without the consent of the Cemetery, and such removal will be done only by a cemetery employee or designated contractor.

8.03 ORNAMENTS AND DECORATIONS

The placing of boxes, cans, shells, toys, metal designs, ornamental, signs, cards, ads, chairs, settees, glass, wood or iron cases, concrete urns, planter boxes, paper photographs, paper, cardboard, souvenirs, wreaths, flags, concrete benches, pictures and similar articles or any article other than the approved memorials, upon spaces shall not be permitted. If so placed, the Cemetery reserves the right to remove the same without notice to the owner and consider the same as abandoned. Any approved items placed on graves cannot extend out to where it becomes a safety hazard.

Besides flowers and permanently affixed items approved by the cemetery, all items placed at or near a space shall be deemed abandoned and may be removed and disposed of by the Cemetery without notice. Using tape, command strips, suction cups, stickers, wires, or glue to attach items to the front of tombs, crypts, or niches is strictly prohibited. Fresh flowers are only permitted outdoors and not inside the Cemetery buildings. No items may be placed directly on the ground or in the grass. All flower vases must be permanently affixed to the top of the headstone/ledger.

It is not permissible to hang items in trees and shrubbery near grave sites, including but not limited to bird feeders, bird houses, balloons, whirly gigs, wind chimes, solar lights, wooden signs, banners, and items requiring electrical power, or other decorations. The Cemetery Executive Director maintains the authority to remove and dispose of such items without notice. Decorations on crypts/niches cannot extend over adjacent crypts/niches. If the Cemetery deems that an item to be removed is valued over twenty-five dollars (\$25), it will be kept for no longer than sixty (60) days after removal to allow the family to retrieve such items from the maintenance department. Under no circumstances shall decorations be placed in common areas except by the Cemetery.

Decorating a loved one's grave with valuable or extremely sentimental items is strongly discouraged. The Cemetery assumes NO responsibility for these items and cannot guarantee the safety or security of any item placed on the grounds. The Cemetery assumes no responsibility for any lost or damaged decorations.

American flags that do not encroach on another space are permitted. Flags must be placed in an approved flower vase and may not be placed directly on the ground or in the grass. Any flags that become worn, tattered, or are desecrated in any way shall be removed immediately and disposed of properly.

Temporary grave markers that the Cemetery places will remain for sixty (60) days following a burial to allow time for a permanent marker to be placed. Temporary markers remain property of the cemetery.

8.04 DECORATIONS FOR SPECIAL HOLIDAYS

The following decorations will be permitted three (3) days before and three (3) days after the holiday as listed below:

Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, All Saints and All Souls Day – Potted plants permitted. (only artificial flowers in mausoleums)

Christmas wreaths are permitted starting December 22 but must be removed by January 6, or they will be discarded.

8.05 FUNERAL FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS AND DECORATIONS

Flower Arrangements and decorations for funerals will remain in place for three (3) days, at which time they will be removed and discarded.

8.06 MEMORIAL, MARKER, AND VASE SPECIFICATIONS

For the sake of uniformity and safety, the cemetery regulates the types and locations of Memorials, Markers, and Vases in each section. Please refer to section 7.04 for regulations for each section.

8.07 ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS

All flowers and other decorations of any kind and in any location that, in the sole judgment of Cemetery Management, have become faded, tattered, dilapidated, are in disrepair or are otherwise deemed unsightly, those deemed offensive or inappropriate, and those in violation of Cemetery Rules and Regulations are subject to removal at any time and without notice and will be discarded.

8.08 CEMETERY SPACE ENCLOSURES

All cemetery space enclosures are prohibited. No space shall be enclosed with a hedge, coping, or fence. The Cemetery may remove and dispose of any unauthorized enclosures without notice.

IX. CARE

9.01 PROHIBITION AGAINST RAISING OR DEPRESSING THE SURFACE OF SPACES

Owners are prohibited from raising or depressing the surface of their space, above or below the surrounding ground, except by special permission of the Cemetery.

9.02 WORK TO BE DONE BY CEMETERY

All grading, landscaping work, and improvements of any kind, including all space care, shall be done by the Cemetery alone. All trees, shrubs, and herbage shall be planted, trimmed, cut, or removed. All opening and closing of spaces and all interments, disinterments, and removals shall be made by the Cemetery unless the express written consent of the Cemetery Executive Director for specific projects or instances shall be first secured.

9.03 CHARGES FOR OPENING AND CLOSING GRAVES

All charges for opening and closing graves and keeping cemetery spaces in order will be regulated by the Cemetery and may be changed occasionally by the Cemetery without notice.

9.04 FLORICULTURAL WORK

All the floriculture and kindred work, including the planting of shrubs, bushes, and trees, shall be done by the Cemetery at the expense of the owner or owners of the space, and no one but the Cemetery's authorized employees or contractors will be permitted to engage in such work.

9.05 GRAVES AND MAINTENANCE

The Cemetery shall have full right to fill and level graves and plant grass thereon to preserve the lawn and grounds' beautiful parklike appearance and ensure the perpetual maintenance of the Cemetery.

The Cemetery Authority disclaims all responsibility for damage of any kind that may occur to memorials or decorations in the normal course of cemetery operations and maintenance, performed with reasonable care and caution.

X. SPECIAL CARE

10.01 GENERAL CARE

The Cemetery assumes the general care of the entire cemetery grounds and lots. This, however, does not provide any special care. The Cemetery will make estimates for special care upon application, and charges for the work must be paid in advance.



10.02 SPECIAL CARE

Special care shall include only those specific services outlined in special care agreements between the Cemetery and owner. It may involve the improvement or embellishment of all or any part of the Cemetery or any space in it, the erection, maintenance, removal, repair, or preservation of any memorial structure, the planting and cultivation of flowers, trees, shrubs, or plants in and around the Cemetery, or any part of the Cemetery, special care of flower beds, and the placing of floral decorations at specified dates or any other date requested, including the special care or ornamenting of any space, section of building, or any portion thereof, in the Cemetery, or any other purpose or use not inconsistent with the purpose for which the Cemetery was established or is being maintained.

10.03 GENERAL CARE INCLUDED

The purchase price of all interment spaces sold and to be sold in the Cemetery includes an amount of perpetual general care. This perpetual care is within the limits permitted by the income derived from the fund. Subject to the available funds, the Cemetery will be developed and maintained in keeping with a well-preserved burial park, including the cutting of the grass and trimming of shrubs and trees at reasonable intervals; the procuring, maintaining, and keeping in reasonable condition the machinery, tools, and equipment needed for that purpose, and replacing same when necessary; keeping in repair the drains, water lines, roads, buildings, fences, and other structures, including features and embellishments of a general character applicable to the Cemetery as a whole or to a particular area, painting, cleaning or otherwise preserving same at reasonable intervals, maintaining the necessary records of ownership and burials, and other essential information.

10.04 NOT INCLUDED IN GENERAL CARE

General care shall not include maintenance, repair, or replacement of any memorial under any circumstances, nor the repair or replacement of buildings, structures, or other property when the damage is caused by vandals, thieves, Acts of God, common enemy, riots or by order of any military or civil authority or acts beyond the control of the Cemetery, including general cemetery maintenance.



XI. FAMILIES AND CO-OWNERS

11.01 RIGHT OF DISPOSAL OF REMAINS

Louisiana law (LA R.S. 8:655) provides for the right to control interment, as defined in LA R.S. 8:1(26), of the remains of a deceased person, unless otherwise specific directions have been given by the decedent in the form of a written and notarized declaration vests in and devolves upon the following in order named:

1. The surviving spouse, if not judicially separated from the decedent;
2. A majority of the surviving children of the decedent, not including grandchildren or other more removed decedents;
3. The surviving parents of the decedent;
4. A majority of the surviving adult brothers and sisters of the decedent;
5. A majority of the adult persons respectively in the next degrees of kindred as established in Civil Code Article 880 et seq.

If the decedent has made multiple declarations of interment, the last declaration shall be the controlling one.

11.02 SPOUSES

The spouse of the owner of any lot containing more than one interment space has a vested right of interment of his/her remains in the lot to the extent allowed by law.

11.03 FAMILY SPACES

In a family space, one grave, niche, or crypt may be used for the owner's interment and one for the owner's surviving spouse, if any, who by law has a vested right of interment in it. Of those persons remaining, if any, the parents and children of the decedent, in order of death, may be interred without the consent of any person claiming an interest in the space.

Any person who claims a right of interment in a family space may waive such right in favor of any relative or spouse, and on such waiver, the remains of the person in whose favor the waiver is made may be interred in the space.



11.04 RESTRICTIONS ON PARTIES ENTITLED TO BE INTERRED IN A SPACE

No person other than the original owner and his or her heirs shall be allowed to be buried in such space without the Cemetery's prior, written, and express consent.

11.05 CO-OWNER

A conveyance as co-owners gives each co-owner a vested right of interment in the space conveyed. On the death of a co-owner, the title to the right of use held in indivision immediately vests in the surviving co-owner, subject to the vested right of interment of the remains of the deceased co-owner. A maximum of two (2) persons can be recorded as joint owners of burial rights over grave(s).

An affidavit by any knowledgeable person establishing the death of one co-owner and the identity of the surviving co-owner named in the new deed to any space, when filed with the Cemetery, shall be complete authorization to the Cemetery to permit the use of the unoccupied portion of the space in accordance with the directions of the surviving co-owners or their successors in interest.

11.06 CO-OWNERS DESIGNEE

When two or more persons own a space or have rights of interment in such space, they may designate one or more persons to represent the space and file written notice of designation with the Cemetery. In the absence of such notice or of written objection to its so doing, the Cemetery is not liable to any owner for interring or permitting an interment in the space on the request or direction of any co-owner.

XII. TRANSFER OF SPACE

12.01 TRANSFERS OF SPACE AND CONSENT OF CEMETERY

No transfer or assignment of any space or interest therein shall be valid without the consent in writing of the Cemetery first endorsed upon such transfer of assignment and thereafter recorded on the records of the Cemetery. The information form must be signed by the new owner at the office of the Cemetery, and the transfer fee, as fixed by the Cemetery, must be paid. The transfer recorded on the records of the Cemetery before a transfer from one owner to another shall be valid. There will be a charge for issuing a duplicate deed after proper notification to the Cemetery by a notarized affidavit from the owner.

12.02 CONDITIONS WHEREBY INDIVIDUAL SPACE BECOMES INALIENABLE AS FAMILY SPACE

A space transferred by deed or certificate of ownership to an owner becomes inalienable and shall be held as a family space of the owner when:

1. An interment of the remains of an owner or a relative of an owner is made, and
2. The owner dies without making disposition of the space either in his or her will, by specific device, or by a written declaration filed and recorded in the office of the Cemetery or
3. The owner dedicates the space as a family space in the Cemetery records.

12.03 DESCENT OF SPACE FOR HEIRS

If no interment is made in an interment space that has been transferred by deed or certificate of ownership to an individual owner, or if all remains previously interred are lawfully removed on the death of the owner, unless he or she has disposed of the space either in his or her will by a specific devise or by a written declaration filed and recorded in the office of the Cemetery Authority, the space descends to the heirs at law of the owner, subject to the rights and interment of the decedent and his or her surviving spouse.

12.04 REMUNERATION FOR INTERMENT IN SPACE PROHIBITED

The demand for or receipt of any compensation by a space owner for interment in a space owned by him or her is prohibited.

12.05 PROHIBITION AGAINST REMOVAL OF REMAINS BY HEIRS

Disinterment by heirs of interred or cremated remains so that the space may be sold for profit, or any removal contrary to the express implied wishes of the original owners, is forbidden.

12.06 RULE AGAINST POSTING OF “FOR SALE” SIGNS

No sign indicating that a space is “For Sale” will be permitted on the cemetery ground, and any such signs posted will be removed without notice.



12.07 AUTHORIZATION OF ONE OWNER SUFFICIENT

The Cemetery reserves the right to make an interment of any member of the immediate family of any one of several owners upon written authorization of any owner and to refuse interment of any other person without the written consent of all owners recorded as such on the records of the Cemetery.

12.08 RESALE OF SPACES TO THIRD PARTIES

In accordance with L.A.R.S. 8:904 is unlawful and against Cemetery policy to sell or buy an interment space or spaces for the purpose of resale at a profit. The cemetery may refuse to transfer a burial space when, in its sole judgment, the purchase was made with the intention of making a profit.

Any spaces resold by an owner to another party must be completed through the Cemetery, on forms prescribed by the Cemetery, and payment of any associated fees for this process as required. Any interment rights that are resold shall be subject to a 10% fee of the sales price, to be placed in the Cemetery's Perpetual Care Fund, before any transfer shall be approved by the Cemetery. All other private sales, not will not be approved by the Cemetery.

XIII. LIMITATION OF CEMETERY LIABILITY

13.01 RIGHT OF CEMETERY TO RELY ON AUTHORIZATION

Louisiana law (LA R.S. 8:657) provides that the Cemetery may inter or cremate any remains upon the receipt of written authorization from a person representing himself to have the prior right to control the disposition of the remains per LA R.S. 8:655. The Cemetery shall not be liable for interring or cremating pursuant to such authorization unless it has actual notice that such representation is untrue.

13.02 RIGHTS OF CEMETERY ON DEFAULT OF PAYMENT BY PURCHASER

Interments or the placing of memorials in or on any space not fully paid for is not permitted except by special written consent of the Cemetery. In each case, and in the event such consent is given, all interments or memorials in or on such property shall be temporary. A note shall not be considered payment, and the purchaser shall acquire no rights until such space is fully paid for in cash, including principal and interest. If the purchaser fails to meet all payments within ten (10) days after demand by the Cemetery, in addition to all other rights and remedies, the Cemetery

may re-enter such property and hold it as its own. The Cemetery shall then be released from all obligations concerning such property and may retain payments made toward purchasing such property as liquidated damages. The Cemetery reserves the right, without notice and at its sole discretion, to cremate or remove and move to single graves chosen by the Cemetery, each of the remains interred in such property. The Cemetery shall also have the further right to remove and treat any memorial placed on such property as abandoned.

13.03 DELAY IN CASE OF PROTEST TO INTERMENT OR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH RULES

The Cemetery shall not be liable for any delay in interment where a protest to the interment has been made or where the rules of the Cemetery have not been complied with. Under such circumstances, the Cemetery reserves the right to place the body in a receiving vault until the problems have been resolved. The Cemetery may require any protest to be in writing and filed in the office of the Cemetery.

13.04 GENERAL CHANGE OF LAYOUT OF CEMETERY

The Cemetery, from time to time, may lay out or alter any avenue or walk in the Cemetery, or change the layout of cemetery spaces not sold and may make such rules and regulations for the government of the grounds or the management or conduct of the Cemetery, or the spaces within the Cemetery as it may deem requisite and proper to secure and promote the general objects of the Cemetery and alter or amend the same, from time to time.

13.05 NONCOMPLIANCE WITH INTERMENT INSTRUCTIONS

The Cemetery shall not be responsible for compliance with any order not in writing or for any mistake due to the lack of precise and proper instructions as to the particular space, size, and location in a space where interment is desired.

13.06 PERMITS, IDENTIFICATION, AND EMBALMING

The Cemetery shall not be responsible for the interment permit establishing the identity of the person sought to be interred or cremated, nor shall the Cemetery be liable for the embalming of the body, unless the Cemetery does such embalming, and then on for gross negligence in performing the embalming.

13.07 ORDERS GIVEN BY TELEPHONE

The Cemetery shall not be held responsible for any order given by telephone or for any mistake occurring from the want of precise and

proper instructions as to the particular space and location in a space where interment is desired.

13.08 DAMAGES RESULTING FROM DISINTERMENT

The Cemetery shall exercise due care in making a disinterment and removal. Still, it shall assume no liability for damage to any body, casket, burial case, or urn in disinterment and removal.

13.09 ERRORS MAY BE CORRECTED

The Cemetery reserves and shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made by it in making either interments, disinterments, or removal, or in the description, transfer, or conveyance of any interment property, either by canceling such conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof, other interment property of equal value and similar location as far as possible, or as may be selected by the Cemetery, or in the sole discretion of the Cemetery, by refunding the amount of money paid on account of said purchase if such error shall involve the interment of the remains of any person in such property, the Cemetery reserves and shall have the right to remove and transfer such remains so interred to such other property of equivalent value and similar location as may be substituted and convey in lieu thereof. There shall be no liability on the Cemetery's part for damages or any remedy other than correcting the error or refunding the purchase price at the Cemetery's option. The owner agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold the Cemetery harmless from and against any claims by any persons seeking a remedy or damages other than correcting errors or refunding the purchase price.

13.10 RIGHT TO REPLAT

The following rights and privileges are hereby expressly reserved to Cemetery Management to be exercised at any time or from time to time in perpetuity for the erection of buildings or for any purpose or use connected with, incident to, or convenient for, the care of, preservation of, or preparation for disposal, interment or inurnment of human dead bodies, or other cemetery purpose:

1. To re-survey, enlarge, diminish, replat, alter in shape or size, or otherwise to change all or any part or portion of any cemetery space.
2. To lay out, establish, close, eliminate, or otherwise modify or change the location of roads, walks, or drives, provided ingress and egress to and from any location is preserved or is allocated to the plot holder.
3. Easements and rights of way over and through the Cemetery's premises to install, maintain, and operate pipelines, conduits of drains for irrigation, drainage, electric, or communication lines, or any other

cemetery purpose.

13.11 NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PERMIT OR IDENTITY

The Cemetery shall not be liable for the identity of the person sought to be interred.

13.12 CEMETERY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR VANDALISM AND OTHER ACTS

The Cemetery distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its control, and especially from damage caused by the elements, Acts of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrection, riots or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage is direct or collateral.

13.13 LIABILITY OF CEMETERY FOR URNS IN NICHE

The Cemetery shall not be liable or responsible for any container, receptacle, or urn placed in any niche.

13.14 SECURITY

Owners and visitors to the Cemetery do so at their own risk. Remains and other property are placed in the Cemetery at the owner's sole risk. The Cemetery does not provide security.

13.15 RIGHT OF THE CEMETERY TO SELECT INTERMENT SPACE IN THE ABSENCE OF PROPER INSTRUCTIONS

When instructions from the owner regarding the location of interment or disinterment have not been given or are indefinite, the Cemetery may take such action as it deems proper, and the Cemetery shall not be liable for any error made in connection with the decision regarding such actions.

13.16 PAUPERS

The Cemetery reserves the right to inter and disinter paupers.



JESUS SAID TO HER, "I AM THE
RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE; HE WHO
BELIEVES IN ME, THOUGH HE DIE, YET
SHALL HE LIVE." — JOHN 11:25

