

# St. Anthony's Cemetery, E. Falmouth, Massachusetts

## CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS AND PRIVILEGES

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The Conditions, Restrictions, Limitations, and Privileges governing St. Anthony's Cemetery are not made for the benefit of the cemetery management, nor are they intended to infringe upon privileges of lot owners, but they have been found necessary to maintain peace and order within the cemetery and to preserve and enhance the dignity and beauty of the Cemetery grounds.

Due to ever changing conditions, the Cemetery management must reserve the right from time to time to change these rules and regulations. These changes apply automatically to all rights of burial...whether issued prior or subsequent to its adoption. These rules and regulations must be enforced.

1. Lots in the Cemetery that are under the direct control of the Chancery are not to be sold but there is conveyed the right of burial, which right, according to the deed issued, "is subject to the laws and regulations made, or to be made, in the care and management of the cemetery by the Cemetery authorities". Failure on the part of the titleholder or heirs to comply with all the aforementioned laws, rules and regulations constitutes a forfeiture of the right herein granted.
2. Deed holders shall not transfer their right of burial in any lot unless such transfer has the approval of the Cemetery authorities and is entered on the records of the Cemetery.
3. Fences, hedges, shrubs, curbs or corner posts, closures, bricks, iron work, etc., above grade shall not be allowed on or around lots. Wooden headboards or markers, wooden trellises, chairs or settees, wholly or in part of wood, and vases and urns, other than granite or bronze, are prohibited. **These and any other items cannot be placed to the side or behind the gravestone in order to allow for proper care of the lot.**
4. One Official Metallic Marker may be placed upon a grave by either a Military or Fraternal Organization. Where there are two or more of these markers, the immediate family of the deceased must make the decision as to which marker is to remain on the grave. The Cemetery authorities prefer the Military Emblem of the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars, but not both.
5. The term, "ENDOWED CARE", shall mean the cutting of the grass upon the lot or graves at reasonable intervals; the raking or cleaning of the lot; the repair of sunken graves and such work as may be necessary to keep the lot or grave in good or neat condition; to keep in repair and maintain the buildings, drives, trees, shrubs, etc. The amount of money expended on lot designated herein will be governed by the interest earned on the endowment.
6. The Cemetery authorities will not be responsible for the care or safety of any stone, metal or other structure, that may be placed on the lot.
7. Disturbing the turf or sod on any lot is not permitted. **Evergreens or shrubs are not allowed.**
8. Annual planting **only in front of the monument is permitted** provided the lot owner agrees to properly maintain the area, and remove the planting at the end of the growing season, November 1<sup>st</sup>. If neglected, the planting will be removed by the cemetery authorities at the expense of the owner. **In-ground planting, mulch or woodchips, as well as any potted plants or baskets cannot extend out beyond 6 inches from the front of the monument in order to allow for mowing the grass. Planting (including mulch), potted plants or any other item on the sides and of the monument rear is not permitted.** For the safety of cemetery workers, stone chips, crushed stone, gravel, shells, etc. are not permitted around stones and will be removed without notice. While caring for the cemetery or digging graves the cemetery and cemetery authorities will not be held responsible for damage.
9. Remembrances, keepsakes of any kind, such as hats, cups, stuffed animals, toys, shrines, balloons, etc. **are not allowed** on lots and will be removed without notice. In no event will the cemetery authorities be responsible for, loss or damage to articles placed upon graves.

10. **Within the new cremation burial area all markers must be pillow/slant style or at grade level. The pillow / slant markers must be a standard marker measuring 14" high, 22' long, 10" wide at the base, and 2" wide at the top. The grade level marker must measure 12" wide by 24" long.** No bases are permitted, no plant pots are permitted in this area, flowers are allowed within 6 inches of the front of the **Pillow / slant style marker** and must be cared for.

11. **Cemetery authorities reserve the right to remove any prohibited items noted above in #3, #7, #8, #9 and #10 that may hinder the proper care of the cemetery lots.**

12. There are certain restrictions as to the size of the monuments:  
The maximum overall height of a monument including the base shall be...  
Single grave... 24 inches  
Double graves or more... 36 inches

Flush markers or monument base...  
Single grave... 24 inches long by 12 inches wide  
Double graves or more... 36 inches by 12 inches wide

Monument Head Stone...  
Single grave... 18 inches long by 10 inches wide  
Double graves... 30 inches long by 10 inches wide  
Triple graves or more... 36 inches long by 12 inches wide

13. **All persons desiring to do monumental work, or to make any change whatever, must file, at the Cemetery office, a plan of the work to be done, the material to be used, and the location on the lot, accompanied by a written order signed by the deed holders or heirs. These plans must be approved by the Cemetery authorities before the work will be permitted.** Contractors and their workmen, while employed in the cemetery, are under the direction of the Superintendent.

14. The Cemetery authorities reserve the exclusive right to supervise all monumental work done in the cemetery. All monuments and grave markers must be granite and should have a Cross, or some other Catholic Symbol, cut or engraved thereon. Only one monument will be permitted on a burial lot; a foot-stone or name marker is considered a temporary affair, and is removed when a real monument is erected, except when level with the grade.

15. All funerals, while within the Cemetery grounds, shall be subject entirely to the direction of the Administrator. The Administrator or his designee must be in attendance at all interments.

16. Any person who destroys or defaces any monument, tree, shrub, plant, or building is guilty of a serious offence, punishable by fine, imprisonment or both. The law is strict on cemetery vandalism and will be strictly enforced.

17. Driving on the lawn at any time is not permitted.

18. Alcoholic beverages and or recreational drugs are not permitted.

19. Dogs must be leashed at all times.

20. The Cemetery authorities reserve the right, without notice, to make, amend and repeal the rules and regulations of the Cemetery.

21. **Please also see the attached "St. Anthony's Cemetery price listings" for regulations regarding cremation interments in full body graves, and the new cremations area.**

TRUSTEE FOR THE BISHOP OF FALL RIVER

**ABOVE CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS AND PRIVILEGES REVISED: November, 2016**

### **Record of Internments**

**I accept and will adhere to the above policies and all future directives established by St. Anthony's Cemetery.**

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Signature of Policy Holder

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Date