

CEMETERY ORDINANCE

1-1 Title

“Cemetery Ordinance of the Town of Lovell, Maine”.

1-2 Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to set fees for cemetery burial plots; establish regulations and procedures to govern burials, placement of monuments and decorations; ensure the safety of employees; and provide a beautiful and dignified resting place for the deceased loved ones.

1-3 Hours of Operation

All cemeteries operated by the Town of Lovell shall be open to the public from dawn to dusk every day. Any person found in a cemetery between dusk and dawn may be charged with trespassing.

1-4 Restricted Activities

No dogs or other domestic animals shall be allowed in cemeteries. Picnics, horseplay, sports activities or any gatherings not in keeping with the purpose and dignity of a cemetery are prohibited.

1-5 Cost of Burial

The cost of one standard grave site, 4' x 10' shall be \$250.00 for a resident of the Town of Lovell and \$400.00 for a non-resident. The cost of one full lot, 20' x 16' (8 adjoining grave sites) shall be \$1650.00 for a resident of Lovell, and \$2850.00 for a nonresident. The cost for a half lot 10' x 16' (4 adjoining grave sites) shall be \$850.00 for residents of Lovell, and \$1450.00 for a nonresident. The price will include a quitclaim deed and 4 cornerstones provided by the Town of Lovell. Cornerstones will be set within a year.

1-6 Opening and Closing of Graves

The Town of Lovell does not provide excavation services for opening or closing graves and will not bear any associated costs. Excavators and/or funeral directors must contact the Town of Lovell's Public Works Department at least 48 hours prior to any grave opening, internment or disinterment to locate and mark the correct burial space.

1-7 Placement of Headstones, Lot Markers, and Corner Markers

The Town's Public Works Department Director prior to placement shall approve the location of headstones, lot markers and corner markers. The Director shall be contacted at least 48 hours prior to placement of headstones, lot markers or corner markers.

1-8 Adornment of Grave sites

In order to ensure safety of the Town's ground's crew, artificial flowers must be placed in containers. Glass containers are prohibited.

The Town reserves the right to remove trees or shrubs planted on grave sites, which becomes dangerous or detrimental to the adjacent grounds because of encroachment of roots or branches. Such trees or shrubs may be removed only after a reasonable attempt to contact the lot owner or responsible party has been made.

No hedges, fencing, walls, curbing, railings, or similar structures or enclosures shall be expected around gravesites following adoption of this ordinance. Existing structures or enclosures may be maintained but not expanded.

All winter decorations shall be removed prior to Memorial Weekend.

1-9 Authority for Removal of Items Placed on Gravesites

The Town reserves the right to trim or remove any item which are contrary to this ordinance, or which have become unsightly and no longer contribute to the beauty and dignity of the cemetery. The Town is not responsible for any items removed.

1-10 Administration, Enforcement and Appeal

This ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Lovell.

Appeal of decisions made by the Selectmen or designee under the authority granted by this ordinance may be made in writing to the Board of Selectmen.

1-11 Effective Dates

The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect as of March 2007.