

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
for  
**FLORAL HILL CEMETERY**

Adopted March, 2002

**WHEREAS, the Floral Hill Cemetery is owned and operated by the City of New London;**

**WHEREAS, the City of New London has established by ordinance a Cemetery Commission;**

**WHEREAS, the City of New London has delegated to the Cemetery Commission the authority to formulate rules and regulations for Floral Hill Cemetery;**

**WHEREFORE, the Cemetery Commission of the City of New London hereby adopts the following rules and regulations for the operation of Floral Hill Cemetery:**

The following rules and regulations for the operations and use of Floral Hill Cemetery are currently enforced. The rules and regulations include all amendments adopted by the Commission through March 31, 2002.

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SALE AND OWNERSHIP OF CEMETERY LOTS:**

1. No burial will be permitted in any lot in the cemetery, until such laws and regulations regarding burials as maybe in force in the City of New London or made by the Cemetery Commission have been complied with and not until the purchase price of the lot on which the burial is to be made, and all back assessments for care of said lot have been paid.

No burial other than the known family of a lot owner will be allowed on any lot in the cemetery except on written permission of such lot owner, filed with the Commission and no lot owner will be allowed to dispose of any grave or graves on his lot for remuneration. Only one body will be allowed in a vault except in a case of a mother and infant.

2. All deeds shall include perpetual care. A grave or graves cannot be sold without a complete deed (perpetual care included). This must be paid in full before a burial can take place.

3. The sum of \$300 will be charged for a perpetual care fee. This care shall mean cutting of grass at reasonable intervals, raking and cleaning of lot, pruning and care of shrubs and trees, and such other work necessary to keep the lot in good condition as circumstances permit.

**REGULATIONS REGARDING THE BURIAL OF REMAINS AND THE MARKING OF GRAVES:**

4. Only human remains can be buried in this cemetery.

5. The Superintendent of the Floral Hill Cemetery shall superintend the digging of all graves and placing of all vaults, and lay all foundations. No person shall be permitted to dig graves or lay foundations other than the Superintendent or his helpers, except by special permission from the Cemetery Commission and then only under supervision of Superintendent.

6. The price to be charged for digging graves and laying foundations shall be established by the Cemetery Commission and all such money shall be paid into the Cemetery fund of the City of New London.

7. Whenever interments are to be made, at least twenty-four hours notice must be given to the Superintendent; forty-eight hours in the winter. **Lawn Crypt burials (vaults that are empty in the ground) are prohibited from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> in an effort to prevent damage during handling in the cold weather.**

8. Burial Hours: There will be no burials done before 8 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

9. All monuments and markers, grass level or otherwise must have a concrete foundation with a 4" border around base of monument. The size of the foundation (consider the 4" required border) will determine the largest size monument allowed, without first getting special permission from the Cemetery Commission who shall be the final word. A single grave foundation must not exceed 44" x 28", a double grave, 96" x 28"; base and tablet not to exceed 36" in height. Under special consideration the Cemetery Commission will allow larger monuments, but we want to make it clear, do not order a larger monument without first contacting the Superintendent; he will then explain the special problems and the special consideration expected by the Cemetery Commission.

10. No foundation will be built between the first day of December and the fifteenth day of March and no stones can be set until all charges for foundation are paid. Floral Hill Cemetery cannot promise to have a foundation prepared in less than two weeks after the order is received.

11. Only one monument will be allowed upon a lot, per owner.

12. Headstones and markers for graves, over 20 inches in height from the surface of the ground will not be allowed. No footstones, or corner markers on graves will be allowed. Bases for monuments, headstones and markers must be dressed on the under side to an even level and be of uniform thickness.

13. All workmen in any capacity within the confines of the cemetery, whether as masons, stonecutters, erectors, gardeners, carters or helpers are subject to the direction and control of the management. Workmen, who do not regard the regulations and proprieties of the place, cannot be admitted to work in the cemetery.

#### **REGULATIONS REGARDING THE APPEARANCE OF GRAVE SITES:**

14. The Cemetery Commission has no wish to interfere with the taste of individuals in regard to the style of their improvements, but in justice to all, they hold the right to prevent or remove anything which they shall consider injurious to the immediate locality, or prejudicial to the general good appearance of the grounds, and of preventing any planting which they may deem injurious and of removing and pruning any trees or shrubs which may obstruct or mar the effect or beauty of the scenery, or may prove otherwise injurious, unsightly or detrimental, the Commission to be final judges of the necessity of such action in every case.

15. Graves should be kept flat or nearly so, as it is impossible to make the grass live, or to cut properly on high mounds. No mounds raised above three inches at the center will be allowed on private lots.

16. No person shall be allowed to plant shrubs or trees on graves or lots without first consulting the Superintendent. Lot owners who plant flowers and then fail to have them properly watered and trimmed and kept from weeds are hereby notified that the Commission reserves the right to have removed all neglected plants from the beds, graves, vases or urns as soon as they become objectionable to the surroundings, also flower pots and pans when empty.

17. No corner markers, curbing, platforms, steps, fences, hedges, or other enclosures will be allowed on any lot as such are considered unsightly and useless and are therefore prohibited. No iron or wirework, or seat will be allowed and should any structure now on any lot become unsightly or rusty, they shall be removed from the cemetery by the lot owner on notice to that effect.

18. Glass and tin present a hazard; composition and plastic quickly become unsightly. These type containers will be removed at once, without further notice.

19. Artificial flowers are not forbidden but they are objectionable; they are a target for vandals and the winds. They can ruin a lawn mower and they do fade in color quickly and become unsightly. If you choose to use them, we ask that you inspect the grave sight monthly.

20. Dead flowers are unsightly whether in urns or on the ground; artificial flowers are unsightly when faded or wind blown. All will be discarded after September 15 each year. Christmas and other winter decorations will be discarded after April 1<sup>st</sup> each year. If you wish to save these items remove them before these dates.

Floral Hill Cemetery is not responsible for any personal articles left at the gravesite. Although we do all in our power to prevent theft and vandalism of gravesites, we cannot be held responsible for property lost, damaged or stolen from the gravesite.

Each October 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> a thorough cleaning of the Cemetery will take place. All unauthorized plantings and affects will be removed. At this time, all flowers, artificial flowers, urns and other materials shall be removed. Persons desiring to reuse such materials should claim them prior to this time. Floral Hill Cemetery will not be responsible for memorials, etc. remaining on the gravesites after October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Such memorials may be repositioned after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Christmas memorials may be placed after November 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **REGULATIONS REGARDING OVERALL ACCESS TO CEMETERY GROUNDS:**

21. Children under twelve years are not permitted in cemetery unless accompanied by their parents, guardians or some responsible person.

22. Persons with refreshments, firearms, or dogs will not be allowed on the grounds.

23. All persons are prohibited from plucking any flowers, whether wild or cultivated, breaking or injuring any tree or shrub, or defacing any tree or landmark.

24. No person is permitted to enter the Cemetery except through the gate and no person will be permitted to use boisterous or profane language or in any way disturb the quiet and good order of the cemetery.

25. No driving allowed on lots, or upon the lawns, under any pretense whatsoever.

26. No person will be allowed to loiter in Floral Hill Cemetery after nine o'clock at night.

27. Dogs and other pets are not allowed in the cemetery on leash or to run free. They intimidate other visitors and deface property.

28. Any person violating any bylaws, rules or regulations of Floral Hill Cemetery shall pay a penalty as required by Municipal Code.

29. Violations shall be handled as any other fine and will be handled by the civil authorities.

30. All persons are reminded that these grounds are sacredly devoted to the burial of the dead and a strict observance of all that is proper in a place so dedicated will be required of all who visit it. The penalties of the law will be strictly enforced in cases of wanton injury or disregard of the rules and regulations. Visitors will confer a favor by informing the Superintendent or Commission of any breach of the rules that may come under their observation.