

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **SOUTH PERINTON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**



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### **SECTION 1: CEMETERY PLOT SPACES AND FULL BURIALS** (see figure 1 & 2)

- A. All plots in the South Perinton Cemetery are sold in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of New York and shall not be used for any other purpose than as a burial space for human remains.
- B. No interment shall be allowed without a permit being first obtained from the South Perinton Cemetery Association. At the time of applying for the permit, the following information must be furnished:
  - Name of deceased
  - Age of deceased-including date of birth if known
  - Place of birth of deceased, if known
  - Date of death
  - Date of interment
  - If not an adult-the names of parent[s] or legal guardian[s] of deceased
- C. All work done in the Cemetery, whether it is burials, building foundations, plantings, etc., shall be performed by cemetery employees or unless under the direction of the Superintendent or Board of Trustees. No monument will be allowed to be delivered in the Cemetery until the foundation is installed and ready to receive the monument, and the superintendent has approved delivery.
- D. Plot owners are prohibited from allowing interments to be made on their plots for compensation.
- E. The final purchase price must be paid before a deed will be given or burial allowed in a burial space.
- F. Full burial concrete vaults or concrete grave liners are required for interments in all graves, purchased on or after May 1, 1996, in accordance with the provisions of Cemetery Board Directive 201.6.
- G. Each (1) burial plot size is 3' 6" (42") x 11' (132") Reference - 38.5 sq ft
- H. One (1) plot is to fit 1-full body burial vault (Reference MAX Vault=~38"W x ~99"L).
- I. \* Oversize full body burial vaults not fitting into 1 plot require 2 burial plots  
Note: A standard plot width is 3' 6" x 11' in length (section "C")
- J. Ash Cremation Burials - all ash burials will be made under the direction of the Superintendent of the South Perinton Cemetery.
- K. Plot Cremation Burial Requirements within one (1) burial plot: (see figure 2 below)
  - 1. Plot cremation burials are accepted above one (1) full burial vault.
  - 2. Multiple (recommended 4) Cremated remains may be buried within one (1) burial plot with or without a full burial using a recommended cremation burial container.
  - 3. The number cremation burials on top of one (1) full burial is dependent on the cremation container size.
  - 4. The approximate cremation burial area above one (1) full burial is 3'6" (42") x 9' (108")  
Reference:31.5 sq ft

5. The recommended maximum cremation box size is ~ 10" W x 10" L x 8" H
  6. Oversize or custom cremation containers will reduce the number of cremation burials within one (1) plot.
  7. Cremation vaults are recommended by South Perinton Cemetery to protect the urns and remains within the urns.
  8. The interment of cremated remains will be permitted only in appropriate rigid non-biodegradable receptacles such as Plastic, Marble, Ceramic, Porcelain, Glass, Stainless Steel, Brass, Bronze, Stone, or concrete.
  9. Cremation burials will not be placed under monuments or head stones.
  10. Cremation urns may require removal and re-burial if a full burial is decided within the 1 plot post cremation urn placement(s).
  11. Scattering of cremains remains will not be permitted in any part of the cemetery.
  12. Names and Location(s) of Cremation Urns within 1 plot will be documented by the superintendent on the cemetery maps and documentation.
- L. Temporary grave markers, put up at the time of burials, will be removed after one year following burial in each space.
  - M. Permanent burial markers are required to be placed on the grave plot within one year of the full burial or cremation(s) burial.
  - N. Monument (headstones) markers are to reflect all names, birth, and death dates of people (both full burial and cremation burials) within the burial plot or plots.
  - O. At this point in time, South Perinton Cemetery Association is not accepting burial of pet cremations.

## **SECTION 2: RESALE OF PLOT OR SPACES BY OWNERS**

Plot or space owners may relinquish their burial rights under certain conditions.

If the plot or space has not been used for burials, the plot or space must first be offered to the Cemetery Corporation at the original price. If the Cemetery refuses, in writing, to purchase it, the Plot or space may be offered to an outside buyer. However, cemetery property may not be sold to funeral directors or brokers for the purpose of resale. Cemetery Board approval is required after the owner has obtained a buyer. The original owner must relinquish his deed and the secretary must record and file it. The cemetery records all instruments of transfer [Section 1513C of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law].

## **SECTION 3: FUNERALS**

- A. All funerals, processions, and vehicles, while in the cemetery will be under the control of the Superintendent.
- B. Interments on Sundays and Holidays will be governed by the Superintendent, the South Perinton Cemetery Board of Trustees and State Cemetery Board Directive 201.8 and 201.12
- C. Winter burials [from November-March] will be at the discretion of the Superintendent, with weather conditions being an important factor.

## **SECTION 4: ROAD ACCESS TO THE CEMETERY**

- A. Cemetery roads will be open for passenger vehicles as weather conditions permit.
- B. The cemetery roads will not be plowed during the winter months, any travel on roads is discouraged except when appropriate weather conditions prevail. Each year, all roads in the cemetery will be closed on January 1.
- C. No recreational equipment will be permitted on cemetery grounds.

## **SECTION 5: GRAVE ADORNMENT**

- A. The South Perinton Cemetery Association reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths, or other decorations from cemetery spaces as soon as they become unsightly. Winter wreaths will be removed by April 1st.
- B. The South Perinton Cemetery Association prohibits embellishments such as benches, fences, or objects of adornment on cemetery plots and may require removal after due notice is sent to the plot owner. This would include any embellishments on the plot such as effigy, permanent trees, and plants, etc.... which in the opinion of the majority of the board of trustees or the Superintendent, is unsightly and/or dangerous.
- C. The South Perinton Cemetery Association prohibits the planting of shrubs and trees on individual spaces, and reserves the right to remove any shrubs or tree deemed dangerous to the public or which curtails care of cemetery grounds, after due notice to the space owner.
- D. Placing glass or breakable objects (i.e. vases, pots, etc..) on graves or plots is not recommended and may cause safety concerns.
- E. The South Perinton Association is not responsible for lost, stolen or broken items. Accountability for injuries from glass or broken items will be deemed the responsibility of the customer.

## **SECTION 6: MONUMENT SPECIFICATIONS**

- A. Gravestones / markers must be made of granite or bronze [these are durable and will withstand the weather conditions experienced in our cemetery's region].
- B. South Perinton Cemetery shall have no financial responsibility for payment of any cost incurred to procure, set, reposition, or relocate any monument or marker in the cemetery.
- C. Monument (head stones) permanent foundations are will not be placed over full burial vault location(s).
  - 1. Head Stone foundations shall be constructed of concrete and extend 2" to 3" inches on each side of the monument or headstone.
  - 2. The height of the foundation to be ~2"-3" above the ground surface to avoid headstone damage during yard maintenance.
  - 3. Depth of the foundation shall be a minimum of 12" and maximum of 36".
  - 4. The foundation specification to be defined by the monument company with reference to the size and weight of the head stone or monument.
  - 5. Any head stones sinking, tipping, falling, etc. will be the responsibility of the company or person installing the head stone foundation.
- D. Monument size: in general, the monument size should follow the current industry standards and not exceed the following dimensions:
  - 1. Length [distance left to right as you read the marker] needs to conform to the common sizes of markers for the type of grave [single or double grave] and must not extend beyond the boundaries of the grave plot.
  - 2. Width [distance from front to back of marker] needs to be 10" to 14".
  - 3. Height [distance from the bottom to the highest point] maximum height of 60" including the base.

## **SECTION 7: VAULT AND MONUMENT HEADSTONE PLACEMENT** (see figure 1)

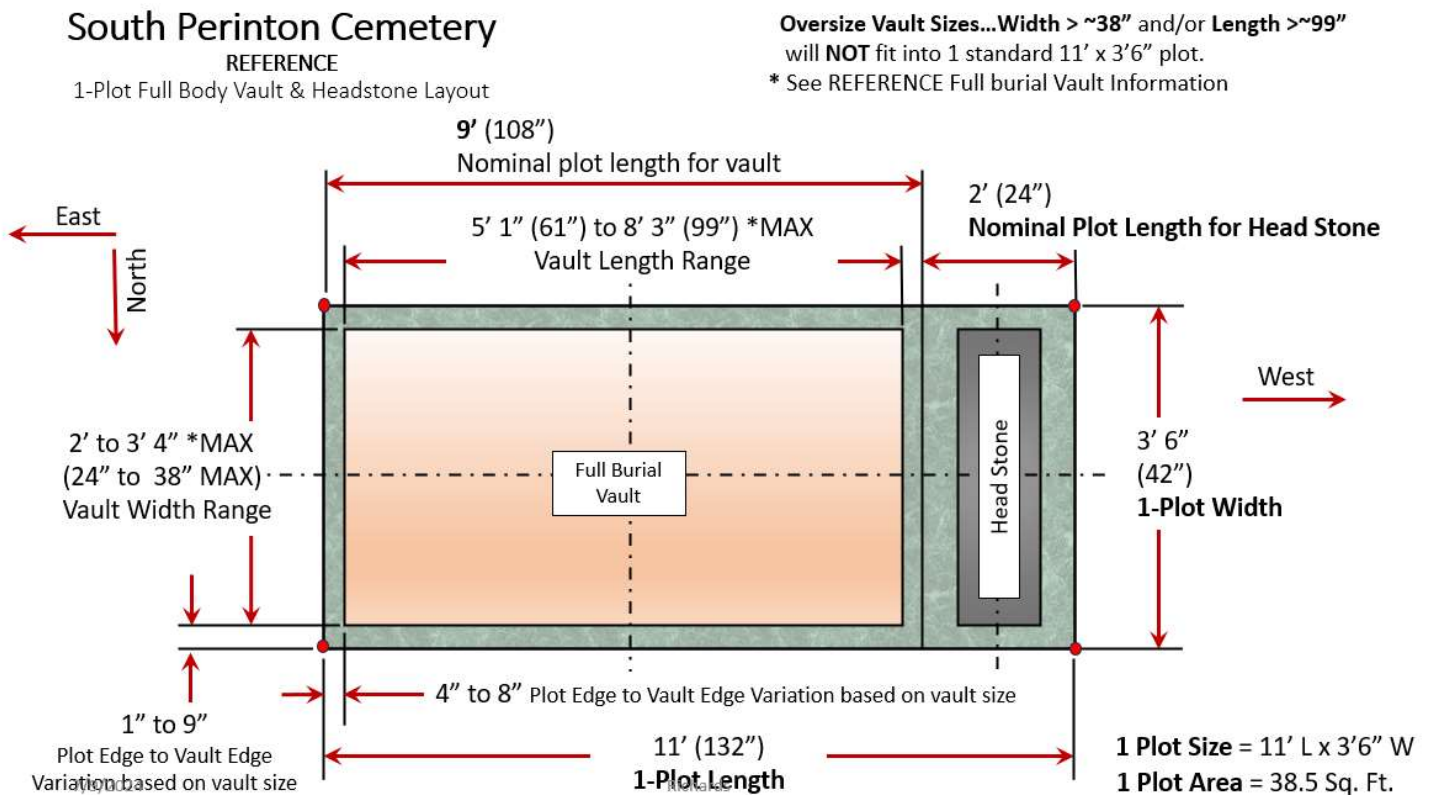
- A. Vaults to be located / biased to one (East) side of the plot allowing headstone placement on undisturbed ground. (see reference figure 1 below)
- B. Casket (full body burial) direction to be placed with feet placed facing East & head placed West. This orientation allows proper head stone placement and alignment with neighboring plots.

- C. Vaults to be centered within the plot (1 plot) width.
- D. Soil depth (back filling soil on top of vault) to be a minimum of 24" deep
- E. \* Oversize full body burial vaults not fitting into 1 plot will require 2 burial plots (1 standard plot width is 3' 6")
- F. Headstone Identification Engraving Directions
  - a. Section "C" burials West of the West driveway and East of the Section "C" North to South Walk path.
    - i. Headstone identification engraving will face East
  - b. Section "C" burials West of the Section "C" North to South Walk path
    - i. Headstone identification engraving will face West
  - c. If a headstone has double sided identification engraving the customer has the responsibility of defining the engraving direction.

**SECTION 8: MISCELLANEOUS RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- A. All plot owners are required to notify the cemetery of any change of mailing and / or email address.
- B. Installment plans for plot purchases or burials are not accepted by the South Perinton Cemetery Association.
- C. Trusts established for the provision of special care or services to a grave will not be accepted by the South Perinton Cemetery Association for financial management of the trust or for the provision of the actual care / services.
- D. These rules and regulations may be amended by the directors of the South Perinton Cemetery Association, but no such amendments shall be effective until approved by the New York State Cemetery Board.

**Figure 1 - 1 Full Burial into 1 Plot**



**Figure 2 - 1 Full Burial & 4 Cremations into 1 Plot**

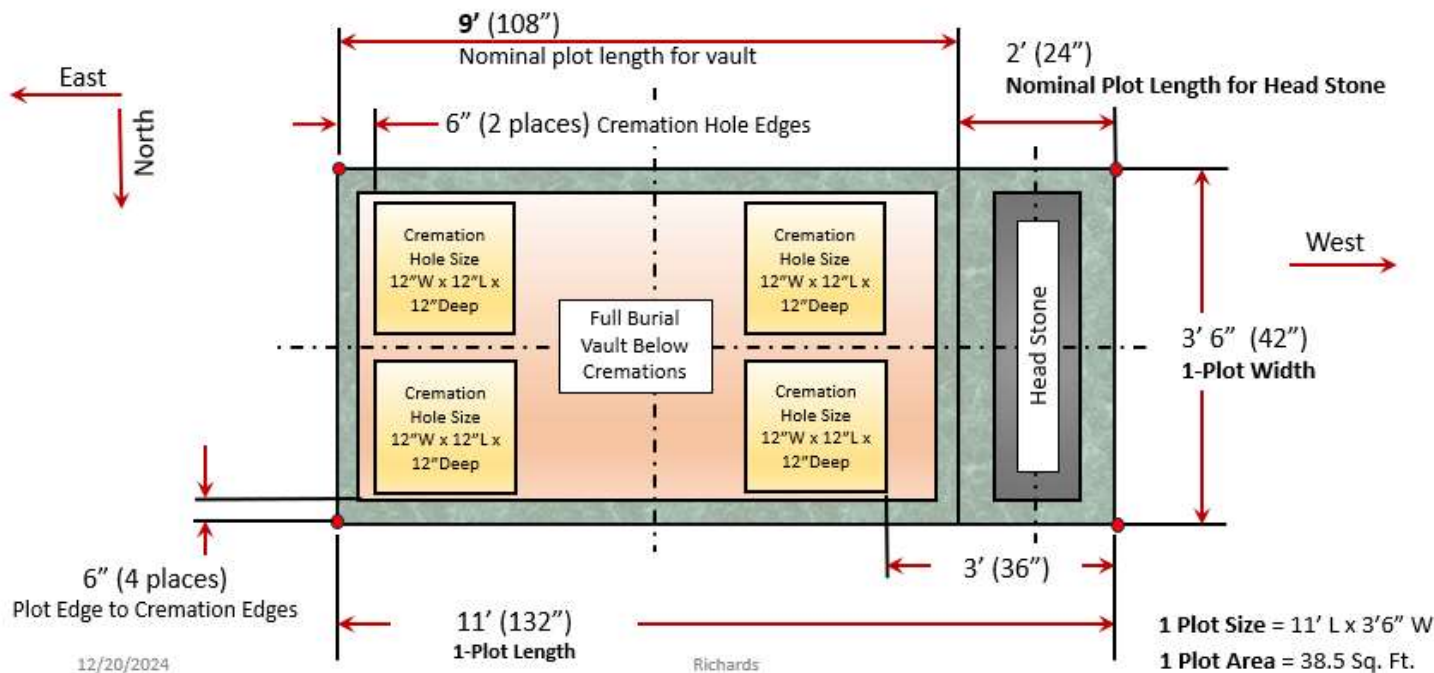
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REFERENCE Example #2

1-Plot Full Body Vault, Headstone & 4 Cremations Burial Layout

**NOTE:**

- Cremation Vaults are Recommended
- Urn / Vault size is required prior to the hole being dug.
- The number of Cremation Burials in 1 Plot is dictated by the workable plot size and Urn sizes



**Figure 3 - No Full Burials & 4 Cremation Burials into 1 Plot**

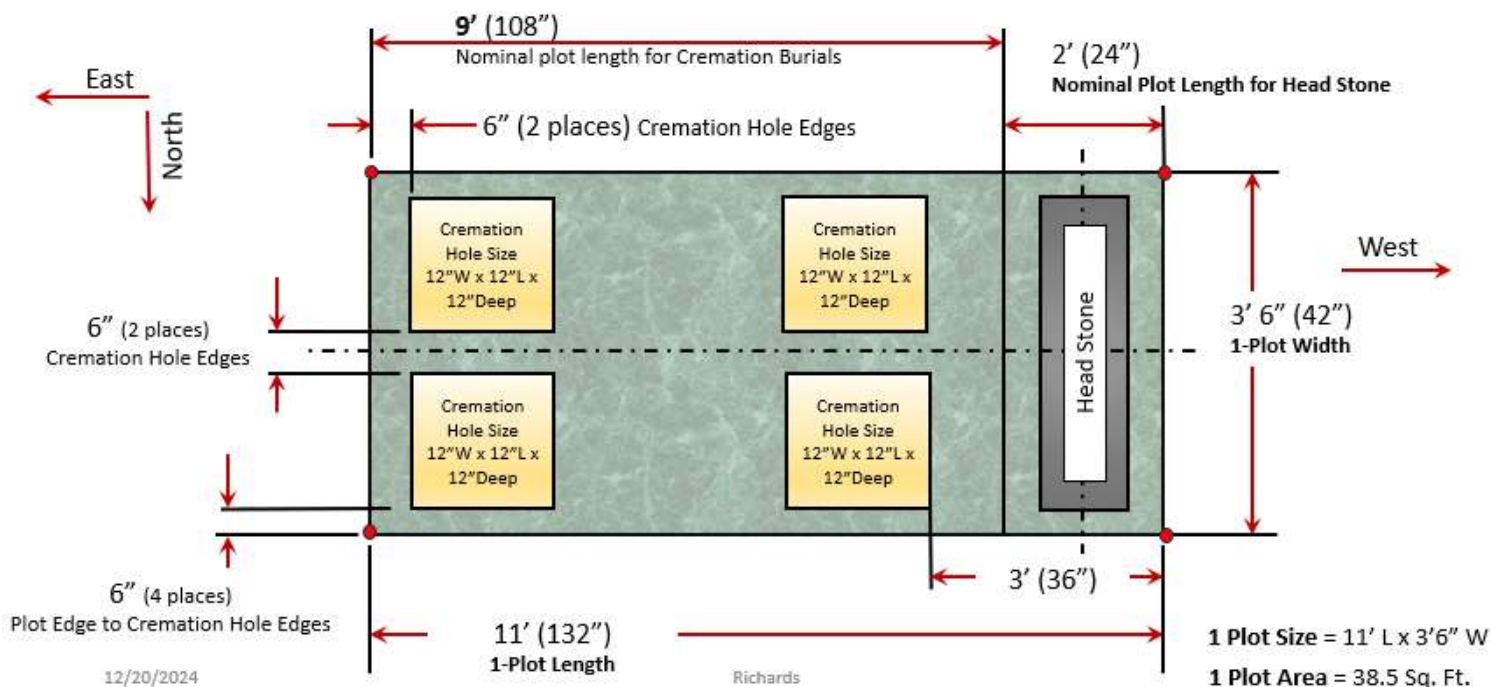
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REFERENCE Example #3

Headstone & 4 Cremations Burial Layout

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## Reference Records Sheet for Roles and Responsibilities Updates

**12/20/2024** Updated SECTION 5: GRAVE ADORNMENT

- Section "D" updated
- Added Section "E"

Updated SECTION 7: VAULT AND HEADSTONE PLACEMENT

- Added headstone identification engraving directions for Section C burial area