

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF CEMETERY RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

After public notice of a second review and public hearing, the Town of Springfield Cemetery Commissioners adopted an ordinance to update and restate in its entirety the Cemetery Rates, Rules and Regulations at a scheduled Cemetery Commissioners meeting on July 3, 2019. Other than restating the existing cemetery ordinance the updated ordinance states the number and type of burials allowed in each lot as well as the number and type of monuments allowed in each lot, and sets forth the requirement for cornerstones in double or larger lots. A copy of the newly adopted Cemetery Ordinance 2019-1 may be picked up at the Town Office at 96 Main Street between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Questions concerning the ordinance may be addressed to Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk, 96 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont (802-885-2104). A full text of adopted Cemetery Ordinance 2019-1 can be found on the Town of Springfield's Municipal Website <http://www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com>. The Ordinance will become effective on September 1, 2019 unless a Petition In Opposition containing the signatures of five percent of the legal voters of the Town of Springfield is filed with the Town Clerk by 4:30pm on August 16, 2019.

Springfield Cemetery Commissioners

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
CEMETERY RATES
RULES AND REGULATIONS
ORDINANCE 2019-1

SHORT TITLE: An ordinance to amend the Administrative Code
Chapter - Cemeteries
Article I. In General
Article II. Rates
Article III. Use and Construction Standards
Article IV. Access
Amended: Chapter headings and numbering and amend § 3 (k) *previously 211* and add § 3 (g), § 3 (h), § 3 (i), § 3 (j), § 4(d).

CATEGORY: Minor amendment and restatement.

PROCEDURE: 1) Introduction-First Review: Read and amended at regular meeting of Cemetery Commissioners on June 5, 2019 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on July 3, 2019.
2) Second Review and Public Hearing: July 3, 2019 [No less than 14 days or more than 28 days from First Review.]
3) Additional Second Review and Public Hearing: if necessary.
4) Notice of Hearing posted in public places on June 24, 2019 and published on June 25, 2019 [No less than 7 days before Hearing] in the Springfield Reporter.
5) Date of adoption: July 3, 2019.
6) Effective Date: September 1, 2019.

AUTHORITY: This action is taken by the Cemetery Commissioners of the Town of Springfield under authority of 18 V.S.A. §5378, 24 V.S.A. §1971-§1984 Springfield Charter Art. One, §V and Art. Two §III, C, 6.

PURPOSE: It is the purpose of this enactment to assign a Chapter to the Cemetery Code, update, restate, and set forth certain Rates, Rules and Regulations applicable to public cemeteries within the Town and to amend Section 3 (k) and to add Sections 3 (g), § 3 (h), § 3 (i), § 3 (j), § 4(d).



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CEMETERY ORDINANCE 2019-1

The following sections of the Springfield, Vermont Cemetery Rates, Rules, and Regulations are amended, restated, and set forth as follows:

CEMETERIES

ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL

SECTION 1 - 10 RESERVED

ARTICLE II - RATES

SECTION 2. RATES

- (a) Opening and Closing Graves (Grass & Devises Included)
 - Week Day.....\$450.00
 - Weekend.....\$600.00

- (b) Stillborn or Baby Burial
 - Week Day.....\$150.00
 - Weekend.....\$250.00

- (c) Cremation Burials
 - Week Day.....\$150.00
 - Weekend.....\$250.00

- (d) Entombment Fees
 - Resident.....N/C
 - Non-Resident.....\$100.00

- (e) Canopy Rental (For Service).....\$ 50.00

- (f) Grave Site Including Perpetual Care.....\$300.00
(Site \$150.00 and P. Care \$150.00)

- (g) The Cemetery Commissioners may make future rate adjustments at any duly warned meeting provided they have advised the Selectboard of each intended rate adjustment at a regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting at least fourteen (14) days prior to taking such action.

Areas not covered herein will follow Vermont State Statutes.

ARTICLE III - USE AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

SECTION 3. USE AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

- (a) No cemetery space shall be used for any purpose other than the burial of the human dead.
- (b) No monument, marker or headstone may be placed on a cemetery lot until the lot has been paid for. It shall be the responsibility of the monument dealer to check with the Town Clerk's Office to make sure the lot has been paid for and to report the date, time and nature of work to be done, prior to excavation. The monument dealer shall also be responsible for the removal of all dirt resulting from the excavations.
- (c) All monument foundations shall have a minimum depth of 4-1/2 feet, see sketch attached. All headstones or grave markers shall have a foundation depth of at least 3 feet.
- (d) All headstones and markers shall be flush with the ground in Section 'G' of Oakland Cemetery.
- (e) Corner stones shall be flush with the ground.
- (f) There shall be no raised granite or fencing around any lot.
- (g) All lots shall be limited to allow one full burial and two urn burials per single grave or three urn burials per single grave.
- (h) One upright monument allowed per grave and two flush markers per grave or three flush markers per grave, if no upright monument is placed on the lot.
- (i) Single grave shall allow maximum length and width of 24" monument or marker with a maximum length and width of foundation of 30". Double grave shall allow maximum monument length of 60" with a foundation length maximum of 66" and a maximum width of markers to be 24" with maximum foundation width of 30". This allows a minimum of a 7" space on each side of the purchased lot to allow room for corner posts. Larger lots will be calculated by the number of total graves and must allow a minimum of 7" on each side of the foundation to the edge of the purchased lot size to allow room for corner posts.
- (j) All double and larger cemetery lots require four corner posts be installed by the purchaser when a monument is installed or within one year of the lot purchased. The corner posts will be purchased from and installed by a monument dealer of the purchaser's choice.

- (k) Any monument dealer found to be in violation of these regulations will be asked to rectify the problem and may lose the right to perform work in the cemetery.
- (l) All caskets shall be placed in a vault at the time of burial.
- (m) No graves will be opened in the winter between December 1st and April 1st, if snow and frost conditions appear to prevent opening, unless approved by the Director of Public Works.
- (n) There shall be no permanent plantings such as trees, shrubs or bushes without first endowing their care with an additional \$150.00 fee payable to the perpetual care fund and duly noted on the cemetery records in the Town Clerk's Office.
- (o) Plastic and other artificial flowers are very much discouraged. Prior to November 1st the family should remove any cemetery decorations it does not wish disposed of.

ARTICLE IV - ACCESS

SECTION 4. ACCESS

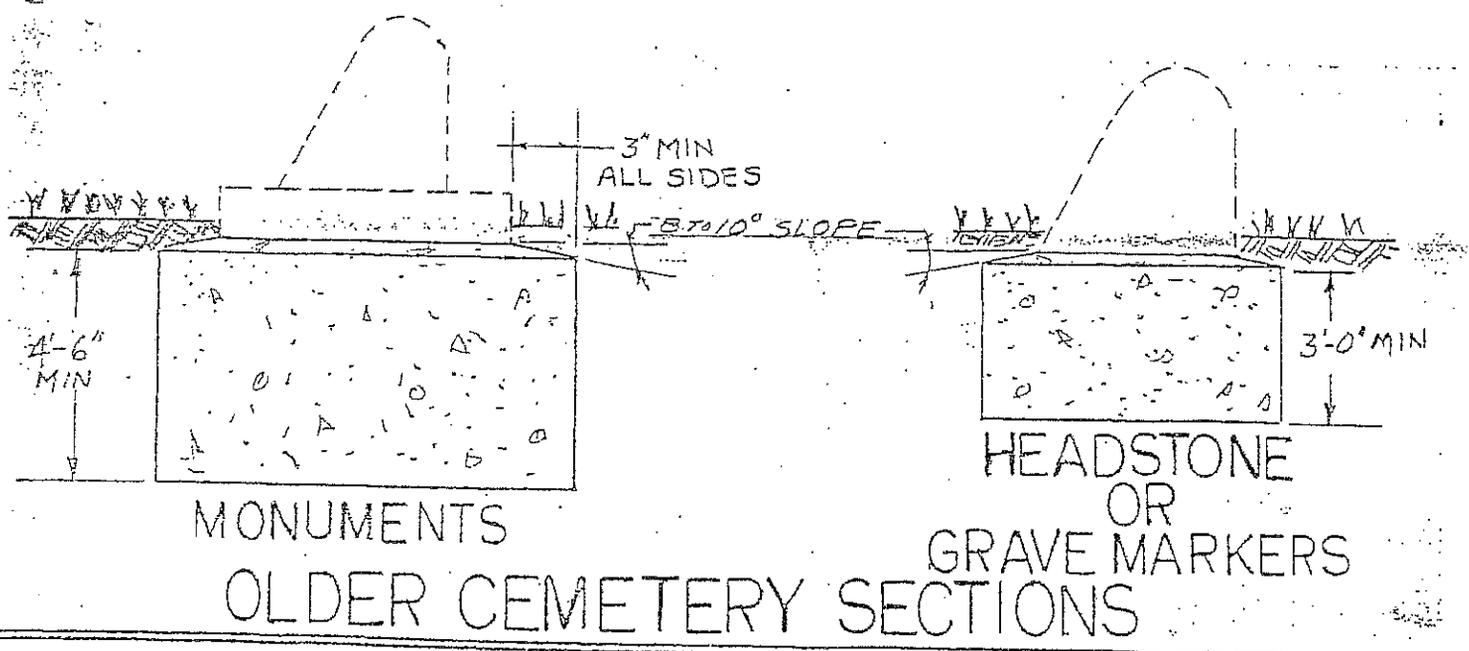
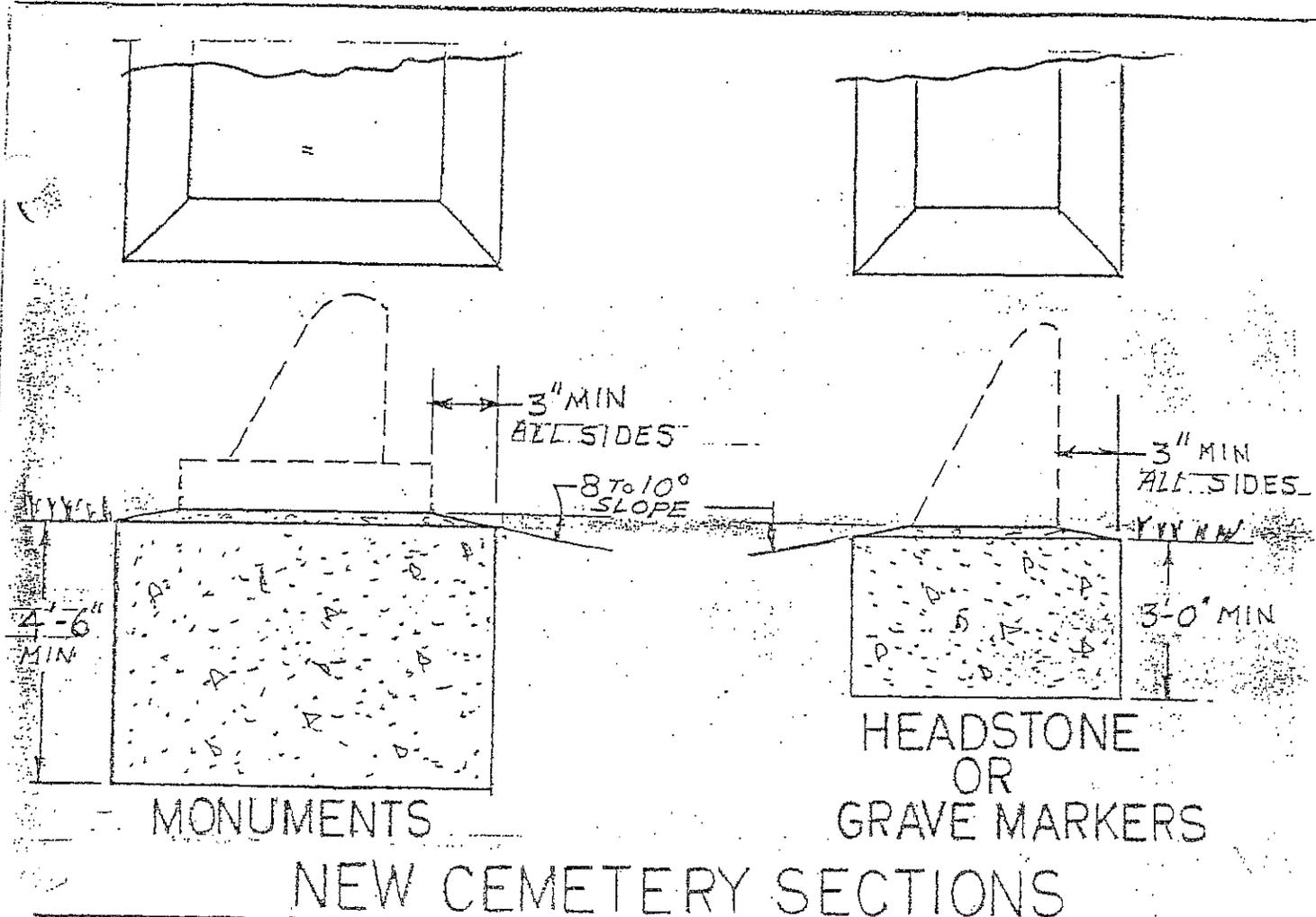
- (a) All cemeteries shall be accessed by foot or vehicle only by way of established vehicle or foot paths.
- (b) All cemeteries shall be open to public access only from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm during the months of April through September and 6:00 am through 6:00 pm during the months of October through March.
- (c) Signage shall be placed at all points of ingress and egress and other locations in the discretion of the Cemetery Commission to notify the public of the hours of public access and to post the entrance against trespass at all other hours.
- (d) No domesticated animals leashed or unleashed, except certified service dogs, allowed in town cemeteries.

ARTICLE V - ENFORCEMENT

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT

- (a) Enforcement. This is a civil ordinance and shall be enforced by the constable, police, or fire chief in the Vermont Judicial Bureau in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 1974a et seq.

Except as set forth above, said Rates, Rules, and Regulations shall remain in full force and effect.



NOTE:
 ALL LARGE MONUMENTS SHALL HAVE A FOUNDATION AS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF THE MONUMENT.

Cemetery Commissioners

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July 3, 2019