

ST. JOHN'S (HAIN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CEMETERY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

January 15, 2019

1. No lot owner shall be allowed to transfer his or her lot to any person or persons without the approval of the Cemetery Board. In no case, may the lot owners assign the lot to any entity other than a specific individual or individuals, nor may the lot owner accept any compensation from the individual(s) for the transfer. Such assignments must be made in writing to the Cemetery Board prior to preparing the grave site for burial-e.g. name, address, graves donated.
2. A lot owner shall be allowed to sell his or her lot back to the church at the original purchase price, less the perpetual care charge or \$50 per grave, whichever is greater.
3. Lots are for the purpose of human sepulture only.
4. No fences or enclosures of any kind are permitted.
5. To ensure the proper regulation of the ground, the grade of all lots will be fixed by the Cemetery Board, and their decision will be final.
6. Lot owners may not plant flowers, shrubs, or trees of any kind upon their lots. They may not install any landscaping of any kind such as stone or mulch anywhere upon their lots.
7. Graves will not be dug within six inches of the lines of the lot.
8. Lot owners may not erect any monument or tombstone that the Cemetery Board would consider inappropriate or improper, or have any offensive or inappropriate inscription or sculpture upon it.
9. No foot stones or foot markers will be allowed to be erected on any lots, only headstones and monuments placed on proper foundations dug 2.5' down.
10. All lot owners must keep their lots clean of all rubbish or decayed flowers, making use of the receptacles provided for this purpose upon the cemetery.
11. **All decorations of any kind must be removed by March 15th each year or will be disposed of by the Caretaker without compensation.**
12. Visitors to the cemetery are forbidden to pluck flowers or to break or remove any turf, shrub or plant, to write upon or deface, break or injure any monument, tombstone or other structures within the grounds of the church under such penalties as prescribed by law.

13. Visitors to the cemetery are permitted only from dawn to dusk.
14. Children are not permitted on the cemetery unless accompanied by an adult, who in all cases will be held responsible for their conduct.
15. Any person making unseemly noises or otherwise conducting themselves indecently will be required to leave the grounds forthwith.
16. Dogs are not permitted on the cemetery.
17. All graves on the cemetery must have a protective reinforced concrete vault with a self-sealing lid. Vaults are not required for cremations.
18. Lot owners will be allowed two cremation burials or two infant burials or one vault burial and one cremation burial on one grave site. Cremation burials are placed one at the headstone and one toward the foot of the grave site.
19. A bench or any type of memorial that allows above-ground placement of urns with cremains must be approved by the Cemetery Board before placement will be permitted.
20. A witness (Cemetery caretaker, Clerk, Pastor, Cemetery Board member, funeral director or other person approved by the Cemetery Board) must be present for any above ground interment of cremains.
21. The Cemetery assumes no responsibility for the costs of funerals, interments, or placing of monuments upon the cemetery. All costs shall be borne by the families of the deceased.
22. The lot owner is responsible for the maintenance of the headstone. The cemetery is not responsible for vandalism damage or theft.
23. The Cemetery Board has the power to alter or amend any of these rules at any time, as well as to establish new rules as this Board deems appropriate.
24. It shall be understood by each and every lot owner that the rules and regulations must be strictly adhered to in every detail in order to beautify and maintain the St. John's (Hain's) United Church of Christ Cemetery upon a high standard of efficiency and as an incorporated body. In matters of dispute unresolved by the Cemetery Board itself, the Consistory of the Church, in all cases, shall be the final and exclusive judges.