

***RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
OAK LAWN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.***
*1530 Bronson Road
Fairfield, Connecticut 06824*

ARTICLE 1. The grounds of Oak Lawn Cemetery Association are consecrated for the sacred purpose of a burial place for the human dead. These laws, rules and regulations have been adopted for the purpose of perfecting and preserving these grounds, which the sacredness of their character requires. Every reasonable indulgence will be given to visitors consistent with the purpose of the place, and it is hoped and expected that all will give ready acquiescence to them; they must however be strictly enforced and any violator, without hesitation or distinction will be subject to the penalties of the law.

ARTICLE 2. Employees of the Association are not permitted to do any work in the Cemetery for lot owners except upon order of the Chairman, Executive Director or their designates. Employees are required to be civil and courteous to all visitors. The Association will appreciate receiving a prompt report of any incivility on the part of any employee.

ARTICLE 3. The Association will take all reasonable precautions to protect lot, grave, crypt and niche holders, and the rights of said holders, within the Cemetery, from loss or damage; but the Association disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage.

ARTICLE 4. The right to enlarge, reduce, or change the boundaries or grading of the Cemetery, or of a section or sections, from time to time, including the right to modify or change the locations of or remove or regrade roads, drives or walks or any part thereof is hereby reserved. The right to lay, or maintain and operate, or alter or change pipe lines or gutters for sprinkling systems, drainage, etc., is expressly reserved, as well as is the right to use cemetery property not sold to individual lot owners for cemetery purposes, including interment of the human dead, or for anything necessary, incidental or convenient thereto. The Association reserves to itself and to those lawfully entitled thereto a perpetual right of ingress and egress over lots for the purpose of passing to and from other lots.

ARTICLE 5. It is the duty of the Grounds' Manager to see that the Rules and Regulations are enforced, and it is his/her duty to see that order is maintained, and to protect and promote the best interests of the Association. To that end, he/she is authorized, after consultation with the Chairman and/or Executive Director, to make additional rules, which may be needed, from time to time, to meet emergencies which are not covered by these Rules and Regulations. Rules so made, deemed to be permanent, are to be put into writing and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval at their next regular meeting if found to be practical and necessary.

ARTICLE 6. Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The Association, therefore, reserves the right to make exceptions,

suspensions or modifications of any of these Rules and Regulations, without notice, when in the judgment of the Directors such action appears necessary; and such temporary exception, suspension or modification shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of such Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE 7. All work done or to be done in the Cemetery shall be subject to approval of the Chairman or Executive Director.

General

ARTICLE 8. All funerals on entering the Cemetery shall be under the charge of the Grounds' Manager and his/her associates. Drivers, other than those present as friends or mourners, must remain with their cars, leaving only to assist passengers.

The driving of motorcars or other vehicles through the gates or in the Cemetery in excess of posted speed limits will not be tolerated.

Parking or leaving any motorcar or vehicle on any road or driveway within the Cemetery at such location or in such position as to prevent any other car or vehicle from passing the same is prohibited and if so parked or left the Association may remove the same.

ARTICLE 9. Persons visiting the Cemetery, including those attending funerals, are strictly prohibited from picking flowers, either wild or cultivated, breaking or injuring any tree, shrub, or plant, or writing upon, defacing or injuring any memorials, fence, or other property within the Cemetery grounds.

ARTICLE 10. Dogs are not permitted in the cemetery.

ARTICLE 11. No signs or notices or advertisements of any kind will be allowed in the Cemetery, except those placed and/or authorized by the Association.

ARTICLE 12. No firearms will be allowed in the Cemetery except at military funerals or by those holding legal permits to carry same.

ARTICLE 13. Any person disturbing the quiet and good order of the place by noise or other improper conduct, or who shall violate any of the foregoing rules, will be compelled to leave the Cemetery immediately.

Interments, Entombments and Removals

ARTICLE 14. Interments or entombments will not be allowed on Sunday or legal holidays, unless approved by the Chairman or Executive Director or unless the Board of Health shall order a body dead of a communicable disease buried within a limited period and that period falls on a Sunday or legal holiday. Burials or entombments on Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays shall bear the added expense of over-time remuneration to those engaged by the Cemetery Association for services required and performed.

ARTICLE 15. No interment or disinterment or entombment or disentombment shall be made in any grave, crypt, or niche in violation of any State law, or town ordinance, or without the knowledge and/or consent of the Chairman, Executive Director, or Grounds' Manager of the Association unless a grave, crypt, or niche opening shall be ordered by civil authority.

ARTICLE 16. At least twenty-four (24) hours' notice prior to an interment or entombment should be given to the Grounds' Manager or other person in charge except in case of contagious disease or an officially declared emergency.

ARTICLE 17. Funeral Directors must have available for the Grounds' Manager or his/her representative the following items at the time of interment:

(a) Official burial permit.

(b) Payment for service charges including, but not limited to opening, lining, device, and chairs unless requirement is waived by authority of the cemetery Chairman or Executive Director.

ARTICLE 18. When interments are to be made in private lots, parties interested, if there be any, must designate the location of the graves, as the Association cannot be held responsible for errors caused by lack of proper information. No grave, crypt, or niche shall be opened until a properly signed written authorization has been received by the Association or a Designation Affidavit has been filed with the Association stipulating which grave is to be used for the particular interment.

ARTICLE 19. The Association will not be responsible for the location or identification of any body or bodies in any grave, graves, or plot.

ARTICLE 20. All outside cases (vaults) shall be made of imperishable material and no case made of wood or other material will be allowed if it is liable to rot, disintegrate or decay in the foreseeable future.

Lots and Lot Holders

ARTICLE 21. No burial rights to a lot shall be sold privately. Any and all changes to the original burial rights shall be under the authorization of the Chairman and/or Executive Director. The burial rights to a lot shall not be sold without provision for its perpetual care.

No lot may be laid out, graded or prepared for burial, no grave shall be located or dug, and no burial shall take place, except under the direction of the Grounds' Manager of the Association, or such person as may be appointed by the Directors for that purpose. No burial will be allowed in any lot, or entombment in any crypt or niche against which there are any unpaid charges due the Association.

Charges for opening a grave, crypt or niche and/or reintering a body will be made against the Funeral Director or person legally responsible.

The Association reserves, and shall have, the right to correct any errors that may be made by it either in making interments, disinterments, entombments or disentombments, or in the description, transfer or conveyance of any interment or entombment rights, either by canceling such conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof other interment or entombment rights of equal value as far as possible, or as may be selected by the Association, or, in the sole discretion of the Association, by refunding the amount of money paid on account of said purchase. In the event such error shall involve the interment or entombment of the remains of any person in such property, the Association reserves, and shall have the right to remove or transfer such remains so interred or entombed to such other property of equal value as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof. Any and all removals or transfers of such remains will not be done without notifying the Funeral Director or person legally responsible prior to said removal or transfer.

ARTICLE 22. Lot holders and crypt and niche owners are granted only the right of interment or entombment in their lots, crypts, or niches. The purchase of a lot, crypt or niche is not a real estate transaction. All land and buildings located within the Association's grounds will forever remain the property of the Association.

ARTICLE 23. All burial, crypt, and niche space conveyed shall be the sole and separate property of the grantee named in the instrument of conveyance.

ARTICLE 24. When lots are held jointly by two or more persons, either by descent, devise or purchase, the Association will grant a permit for interment to either of them or to their heirs, in such part of the lot as may be requested unless the lot or lots are specifically divided by the joint owners, and a record of the same made in the office of the Association.

ARTICLE 25. The laws of the State of Connecticut govern the descent of burial rights to cemetery lots, as well as other matters pertaining to assignments, conveyances, devises, and alienability. The Association will gladly assist any lot holder who desires information or advice pertaining to his/her lot.

ARTICLE 26. The instrument of conveyance and these Rules and Regulations and any amendments thereto constitute the sole agreement between the Association and the lot holder. The statement of any employee or agent, unless confirmed in writing by the Chairman or Executive Director, shall in no way bind the Association.

ARTICLE 27. Lot holders shall not allow interments to be made in their lots for compensation.

ARTICLE 28. The Directors may order removed any body from any lot after three months, to a single grave if any charges remain to be paid on the lot at that time, or for any unpaid services rendered.

ARTICLE 29. The Association reserves the right to make necessary repairs on lots without notice to the lot holders whenever they become unsightly and same is to be charged against the lot holder, or his/her heirs thereof, unless said repairs are covered by paid-up perpetual care.

ARTICLE 30. Whenever a single grave shall become vacant by removal of the body therein, the land shall revert to the Association, but in case the holder thereof becomes a purchaser of additional graves in another section of a lot in the Cemetery, a sum not to exceed the original price for the grave or graves shall be allowed in part payment.

ARTICLE 31. It is the duty of the lot holder to notify the Association of any change in his post office address. Notice sent to a lot holder at the last address on file in the Association Office shall be sufficient and proper legal notification.

Estate Lots

ARTICLE 32. Certain lots in the cemetery are designated as estate lots. Estate Lot certificate holders are permitted to install larger monuments than those permitted on regular gravesites. All monuments must be approved by the Chairman, Executive Director and/or Grounds' Manager. Estate Lot certificate holders are also permitted to plant flowers and shrubs. All such plantings must also be approved by the Chairman, Executive Director and/or Grounds' Manager before any planting takes place.

Monuments

ARTICLE 33. The holder of any lot shall have the right to erect monuments or sepulchral structures of granite or other durable materials, under the advice and control of the Grounds' Manager, subject to such rules as shall be from time to time established by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 34. All permanent markers or monuments must rest upon a stone or concrete foundation and must be constructed by or cause to be constructed by the Association. Specifications and drawings of all Memorials to be erected, together with all inscriptions thereon must first be submitted to the Grounds' Manager for approval and the person signing such orders will be held responsible for the expense of the work performed. The Association reserves the right to stop construction of foundations, when necessary, at the direction of the Grounds' Manager.

ARTICLE 35. Material for the exposed portion of any monument or marker that is liable to crack, decay, discolor, rust or corrode or become unsightly is prohibited.

ARTICLE 36. No lot enclosure, fence, hedge, railing, corner stone, or coping will be allowed except as may already exist in the older sections of the cemetery.

ARTICLE 37. Vases and urns other than metal vases flush with the ground are not allowed unless specific permission is granted by the Grounds' Manager.

ARTICLE 38. Parties delivering any material must send responsible men to attend to its unloading which must be properly done. All rubbish collected during work of any kind must be cleaned up immediately by the parties responsible for the work, and the grounds left in good order; all work must be done during working hours of the Cemetery excepting individual care of graves.

Decorations

ARTICLE 39. No lot shall be used for any other purpose than as a place of burial for the human dead, and the planting or placement of natural flowers within twelve (12) inches in the front of any stone or monument, and/or for a monument and decorations in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Oak Lawn Cemetery Association.

ARTICLE 40. Winter decorations are permitted between Thanksgiving and February 15th. The Association reserves the right to remove such if objectionable or if same prevents the proper care of the lot. All winter decorations must be removed by February 15th, after which any remaining decorations will be collected by cemetery personnel for disposal.

ARTICLE 41. Lot holders are required to water and trim all plants and keep them free from weeds. The Association reserves the right to remove neglected plants as soon as they become objectionable to the surroundings.

ARTICLE 42. Any tree, shrub or vine in any lot which shall by means of roots or branches or in any other way become detrimental, unsightly or inconvenient to the adjacent lots or avenues or walks shall be removed and it shall be the duty of the Grounds' Manager to enter such lot and remove the same or such parts as shall be judged undesirable in the sole discretion of the Grounds' Manager.

ARTICLE 43. No trees shall be cut down or destroyed without the consent of the Grounds' Manager. The Association reserves the right to trim or remove any bush, shrub or evergreen when, in its sole discretion, such action is deemed necessary.

ARTICLE 44. Funeral designs when they become unsightly will be removed from graves. Lot holders desiring to retain same should remove them within forty-eight (48) hours after interment.

ARTICLE 45. Glass jars or breakable containers, or any type of border are prohibited. The placing of shells, metal designs, wood, plastic, or iron crosses and similar articles will not be permitted, The Association reserves the right to remove anything placed in violation of this or any other rules and/or regulations. Watering cans or other utensils must not be locked or fastened to trees or shrubs.

ARTICLE 46. All graves will be turfed level with the ground.

Perpetual Care

ARTICLE 47. Perpetual care of lots includes the cutting of the grass at reasonable intervals, the raking and clearing of the grounds, meaning and intending the general preservation of the lots and grounds, walks, roadways, boundaries and structures, to the end that said grounds shall remain and be reasonably maintained as cemetery grounds forever.

ARTICLE 48. Perpetual Care shall in no case mean the maintenance, repair, or replacement of any memorial, tomb, or private mausoleum placed or erected upon lots; nor the doing of any special or unusual work in the Cemetery. Nor does it mean the reconstruction of any marble or granite work on any section or plot, or any portion or portions thereof in the Cemetery, caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief-makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or by the order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.

ARTICLE 49. The Charter under which this Cemetery is organized authorizes the Oak Lawn Cemetery Association to take and hold property bequeathed or given in trust, to apply the income thereof under the direction of the Directors for the improvement and embellishment of the Cemetery or the erection or preservation of any buildings, structure, fence, walks, or other real property therein, or upon the lots of any of the lot holders, or for the erection, repairs, preservation or removal of any tomb, monument or other structure in or around any lot in this cemetery, or for planting and cultivating trees, shrubs, flowers or plants in or around such lot, or for improvement or embellishing the Cemetery or any of the lots therein in the manner prescribed by the terms of such grant or bequest.