

**THURCASTON AND CROPSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**ACTING AS BURIAL AUTHORITY.**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

1. Plans of the Cemetery with the grave spaces thereon numbered are deposited at the office of the Registrar of the Cemetery, where a copy of the bye-laws and a table of the fees and every other related information may be obtained upon application.
2. (i) The Cemetery is divided into sections A; AA and B and a resident of Thurcaston & Cropston may purchase a grave and have the exclusive right of burial therein in perpetuity. A non-resident may only purchase a grave space if there is to be an interment, either coffin burial or burial of ashes. A deed of grant will be furnished in respect of each grave purchased.  
(ii) Under exceptional circumstances, a request to purchase a grave space in advance by a non resident would be given due consideration. If approved by Parish Council and Burial Registrar then said non-resident may purchase a grave.
3. A person who purchases the right of freehold in any section shall not convey, assign, or transfer such right without the sanction of the Burial Authority having been first obtained, but any person having purchased such right shall be at liberty to inter therein a body on payment of the appropriate fee.
4. Not less than forty-eight hours previous notice for re-openings, and not less than forty-eight hours notice for interments must be given, provided:-
  - (i) that such notice may be dispensed with by order of the Burial Authority if the preservation of the public health so requires.
  - (ii) that such notice be given in the form provided by the Burial Authority (Notice of Interment) and the person giving the notice furnish the Coroner or the Registrar of Births and Deaths` Certificate for the disposal of the body; with information as to where the death occurred, the section and space in which it is intended the interment shall take place, and the name of the Minister to officiate, who must; previously be consulted as to the time fixed for the interment; the day and hour appointed for the interment, the size of the coffin duly certificated by the undertaker, and in the case of a purchased grave, if for interment of other than the grave owner, the consent in writing of the grave owner. Times allowed for burial - 9am. to 4pm. Monday to Friday: no burials on Saturday or Sunday.
5. Each grave space in the cemetery shall be no more than 8 feet by 4 feet, A & AA graves shall have no more than 2 coffins (or 1 coffin and 2 caskets, or 4 caskets) to be interred in one grave, or such additional caskets as may be approved by the Burial Authority. B graves shall be for interment of ashes only.
6. All earthen graves shall be dug, filled in and turfed over by the person appointed by the Burial Authority.
7. Every person who in the cemetery buries a body in a grave space shall pay to the Burial Authority, as a charge for the use of the cemetery, fees in accordance with the scale of charges set forth in the Table of Fees and Charges.
8. Every person who in the Cemetery erects a grave stone, monument or memorial shall submit to the Registrar of the Cemetery a drawing showing the form and materials of such grave stone, monument or memorial together with a copy of the inscription intended to be cut thereon, which must be approved by him/her prior to the erection or fixing of the same. All such grave stones, monuments and memorials shall only be allowed in the Cemetery subject to the approval of the Burial Authority and must be of marble, stone or slate except with the express consent of the Burial Authority.

No monument to exceed 2 feet 9 inches in height. Every person who in the Cemetery erects a grave stone, monument or memorial shall pay to the Burial Authority for the privilege of so doing the fees in accordance with the scale of charges set forth in the Table of Fees and Charges.

9. The re-turfing of graves is to be carried out only by the Registrar or his/her assistants. **No ornaments, lights, toys, decorations**, other than flowers which are to be placed at the headstone are allowed without approval of the Burial Authority.

10. Every receptacle or other articles bearing any form of inscription as a memorial (not being a headstone or otherwise chargeable under the scale of fees as such) to be placed on a grave in the Cemetery must first be submitted to the Registrar of the Cemetery and a fee paid and no such receptacle or articles shall be placed on any grave until such approval has been received. Any such article or receptacle shall not exceed eighteen inches in height and shall not have a base measurement exceeding twelve inches square.

11. Every grave stone, monument and other materials shall be conveyed into the Cemetery on suitable vehicles and any injury done to the ground and walks thereby shall be made good by the person causing same.

12. All monuments, tablets, grave stones, are to be kept in repair by the owners and if not repaired after due notice may be removed by order of the Burial Authority. If no owner, or his or her representative can be found to whom the notice can be given, then such notice shall be considered due notice and properly served if the same is attached and remains attached to any portion of the grave space on which such memorial is erected for a consecutive period of one month.

13. No erection of any kind to be allowed, unless built upon a foundation satisfactory to the Registrar. No hewing and dressing of stone to be done within the Cemetery. Mats, canvas or boards are to be used for the protection of the grass or turf, as the Registrar or his /her attendants may direct. All work when commenced, to be continued day by day until completed. Copper clamps only to be used in tablets and monuments.

14. If a search in the registers is necessary a fee may be charged by the Registrar for such search.

15. The Burial Authority does not undertake any responsibility for the repair and cleaning of monuments. The amount of attention to be given in consideration of the fees mentioned in the Tables of Fees and Charges must at all times be in the absolute discretion of the Burial Authority.

16. Children under twelve years of age will not be admitted except in the care of a responsible person; and all visitors will be expected to keep on the roads and walks, and to refrain from touching the shrubs and flowers, and to observe perfect decorum in all respects. Any person found conducting himself in a riotous or disorderly manner, will be expelled from the Cemetery.

17. Dogs will not be allowed in the Cemetery.

18. Smoking is not allowed in the Cemetery.

19. The Burial Authority reserves the right from time to time to make any alteration in the foregoing rules and fees.

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By Order of the Burial Authority.

Registrar.

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