

THE CORINTH BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS BYLAWS
AND REGULATIONS

1. DECLARATION OF POLICY: The Corinth Board of Cemetery Commissioners, pursuant to 18 V.S.A. s5378, hereby adopts that the following bylaws and regulations be established to govern the proper operation and use of all municipal cemeteries in the Town of Corinth, now or hereafter established. The town desires to have its cemeteries maintained in the best economically possible manner and and firmly believes that these bylaws are necessary for the protection of lot and grave owners.
2. APPLICATION OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS:
 - (a) The rules and regulations herein contained shall apply to the operation, management and use of all public cemeteries within the Town of Corinth now or hereafter established.
 - (b) The Cemetery Commissioners of the Town of Corinth, upon majority vote and for good cause shown, may modify, suspend, repeal, or amend the provisions of this ordinance in whole or in part. It is the intent of the Cemetery Commissioners that if any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions or parts thereof.
3. GENERAL REGULATIONS: The following shall be the general rules and regulations for use of municipal cemeteries:

CONDUCT IN CEMETERIES: No person shall:

 - (a) Enter a cemetery except through an established gate or entrance way.
 - (b) pick or mutilate any flowers, either wild or domestic, or disturb any tree, shrub, or other plant material other than on a lot owned by that person or with the express permission of the lot owner.
 - (c) Consume or possess alcoholic beverages in a cemetery.
 - (d) Discharge firearms in or adjacent to any cemetery. This prohibition shall not apply to authorized volleys at burial services conducted by recognized military organizations or associations of the United States.

- (e) Injure or deface any monument, stone, fence or other structure, or property within any cemetery.
- (f) Allow any dog or domestic animal to run at large within any cemetery.
- (g) Allow any child under the age of ten (10) years in any cemetery unless accompanied by an adult.
- (h) Ride horseback within or through any cemetery.

4. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

- (a) No person shall operate or cause to operate any vehicle within a cemetery except on roads designed for that purpose. No vehicle shall be driven in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour upon any road within a cemetery.
- (b) No person shall enter any cemetery with a loaded truck unless permission has been received from the Cemetery Commissioners.
- (c) No person shall unload any stone, dirt or other material from trucks in any cemetery unless permission has been received from the Cemetery Commissioners.
- (d) Any person operating a vehicle within any cemetery shall be subject to all the traffic laws of the State of Vermont and the Town of Corinth applicable to motor vehicle operation.
- (e) Snowmobiles, ATVs, motorcycles, or other recreational vehicles are not allowed within the boundaries of any cemetery.

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF CEMETERIES:

- (a) The Town of Corinth shall have the final authority for the location and establishment of cemeteries within the corporate limits of the township of Corinth, and shall, as need arises, set aside new ground areas for this purpose in accordance with 18 VSA s5481, et seq. or any amendments thereto.

(b) Existing Cemeteries: The following named existing cemeteries shall be deemed to have been established as municipal cemeteries at their present locations.

1. Old Cemetery - East Corinth;
2. New Cemetery - East Corinth;
3. Corinth Center Cemetery;
4. Darling Cemetery - West Corinth;
5. West Corinth Cemetery - West Corinth;
6. Corinth Corners Cemetery;
7. McCrillis Cemetery - Pike Hill; and,
8. Munn Cemetery - South Corinth.

(c) Plotting of Cemeteries: The cemetery commissioner will establish all beginning lots. These lots will be conveyed in an orderly manner at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

(d) Lot Size Established: Unless otherwise expressly designated, lot sizes for municipal cemeteries are hereby established as being ten (10) feet by twenty (20) feet for a full lot, and ten (10) feet by ten (10) feet for a half lot.

In the cases of cremation interment, the following guidelines shall apply:

1. Minimum conveyance of one-half (1/2) lot.
2. Maximum number of cremation interments shall be twelve (12) per full lot and six (6) per half lot.

6 PURCHASE AND CONVEYANCE OF LOTS:

(a) Conditions of Lot Purchases: Lots purchased in the laid out sections of cemeteries of the Town of Corinth, shall be conveyed by a special deed for human burial purposes only, and shall be subject at all times to the

provisions of the Town of Corinth ordinances,

these bylaws, and all applicable State Laws. All lots purchased shall be laid out and marked by standard corner markers purchased and installed by the cemetery commissioners which shall indicate the lot number and the cost of which are included in the price of the lot.

- (b) Purchase Procedure: Lots in the laid out cemeteries of the Town of Corinth shall be selected and purchased from and with the consent of the Cemetery Commissioners. Payment for lots purchased shall be made to the Town Treasurer. Such purchase shall be evidenced by a deed prepared by the Corinth Cemetery Commission. Such deed shall state the name of purchaser, purchase price, the amount paid, name of cemetery, lot number and section in which located, and shall be presumptive evidence of ownership of the lot(s) described therein. It shall be the responsibility of the Cemetery Commissioners to control the funds so they may be expended as best to serve the purpose for which they are raised.
- (c) Records: The keeping of records of the cemeteries of the Town of Corinth shall be the responsibility of the Cemetery Commissioners. All maps showing laid out section of each cemetery and the records of lot ownership and burials therein shall be kept by the Cemetery Commissioners. Copies of all deeds conveyed for lot purchase shall be recorded in the office of the Corinth Town Clerk. The Board of Commissioners shall also keep a record of every burial in any cemetery under the Town's control showing the date of burial and name of the person buried, when these particulars can be obtained, and the lot or part thereof, in which the burial was made.
- (d) Transfer of Lots: No transfer, assignment, or other conveyance of any lot shall be made by any owner without the express approval of the Corinth Cemetery Commissioners, and all transfers shall be made upon an approved form through the Board of the Corinth Cemetery Commissioners and recorded in the office of

the Corinth Town Clerk.

- (e) Charge for Lots: The following prices are hereby established for Cemetery Lots.
 - 1. a. \$250.00 for a half lot.
 - b. \$350.00 for a full lot.
 - 2. The installation of four (4) cornerstones are included in the above prices.

These charges are subject to change at the discretion of the Cemetery Commission.

7. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE:

- (a) Responsibility of the Cemetery Commissioners of the Town of Corinth: The general maintenance of the cemeteries and grounds shall be the responsibility of the Cemetery Commissioners. The Commissioners shall determine what acts are necessary to improve and maintain the appearance and condition of the cemeteries within their jurisdiction. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing the Commissioners shall address such items as the upkeep of drives, buildings, fences, spring and fall clean up, raking of leaves and the general periodic mowing of grass.
- (b) Planting Trees or Shrubs: No trees or shrubs shall be planted in any lot in any of the Town of Corinth Cemeteries by any person or persons. Existing trees and shrubs may be removed by the cemetery department if deemed in the best interest of the cemetery adjoining lots, or if inconvenient to the care and maintenance of lots. All natural flowers and plants shall be potted in containers readily movable for maintenance.
- (c) Grading and Caring of Lots: All grading of lots shall be done by the Cemetery Commissioners. No person shall do any grading causing the surface of the ground to be raised above the existing height of the surrounding area. No person shall discharge any chemical or organic fertilizer,

herbicide or other substance on any lot without prior written authorization from the cemetery commissioners. In the fall of each

year, the cemetery commissioners, at their sole discretion, may remove any non-permanent decorations, markers, flowers or like materials.

- (d) Curbs and Fencing: No curbs or fences or other similar barriers shall be permitted around any individual lot or group of lots without prior written authorization from the Cemetery Commissioners.
- (e) Monuments and Markers: All Town of Corinth Cemeteries shall be permitted to have monuments, markers and cornerstones of such dimension and material as shall be approved by the Cemetery Commissioners. No monuments, headstones or markers shall be set up without pre-approval of the Cemetery Commissioners as to location.

8 BURIALS:

- (a) Conditions for Burial: No burial shall take place without first a burial permit having been obtained from the Funeral Director in charge of burial of human remains or the Board of Cemetery Commissioners if no funeral director is involved.
- (b) Cremated remains may be brought to a cemetery for burial by any person, with the prior consent of the Cemetery Commissioners and standard burial permit together with a permit from the respective crematory, stating the identity of the remains.
- (c) Preparation of Grave: The preparation of graves shall be arranged and attended to by the Cemetery Commissioners unless arrangements have been otherwise pre-approved by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners. The fee for grave preparation shall be \$50.00 plus actual expenses for the preparation. In the event that alternate grave preparation shall be pre-approved by the board, the \$50.00 fee shall remain due and payable to the Board of Cemetery Commissioners.

- (d) Winter Burials: The cemeteries in the Town of Corinth will be closed as the Cemetery Commissioners deem appropriate. Temporary

interment will be the responsibility of the party assuming responsibility for the burial.

- (e) Town of Corinth or its Commissioners Are Not Responsible: Neither the Town, the Cemetery Commissioners, nor their agents shall be responsible for errors in location of graves on lots resulting from persons making the arrangements. In all cases, orders for grave opening shall be communicated to the Cemetery Commissioners who shall keep records thereof.
- (f) Hold Harmless: The Cemetery Commissioners and their agents and the Town of Corinth, shall not be responsible for any damages that may occur as a result of the respective Funeral Director leaving the cemetery prior to the vault cover being placed.
- (g) Burial Vaults: All burials shall include a concrete vault designed in accordance with industry specifications.
- (h) Control: Any cemetery in which all lots have been sold and for the care of which trust funds are held by the Town, shall be under the control of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners.
- (i) Discontinuance: Whenever there is a public necessity for the discontinuance of any public cemetery and the removal of the remains of the persons buried in such cemetery, the same may be discontinued by a majority vote of the legal voters present and voting at any annual or special town meeting held for the purpose.
- (j) Reinterment: The Selectmen may, at the expense of the town, disinter all the remains of the persons buried in such cemetery and reinter the same in the unoccupied part of some public cemetery within the town, such reinterment to be in the place designated by the nearest surviving relatives of the

deceased person, if any is designated; such removal shall be done prudently and with proper care and attention.

- (k) Trust Funds: The town treasurer may take and hold funds in trust, and the Board of Cemetery Commissioners may apply the income thereof to the improvement, watering, or embellishment of the cemetery, or to the care, preservation, or embellishment of any lot or its appurtenances. Reports of these funds shall be filed with the town as required by law.

Adopted: _____, 1996

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