

WCS Properties, Inc.

Rules & Regulations

Westminster, Camp, and Sharon Memorial Gardens

Purpose:

These rules and regulations are designed for the protection of Owners of Interment Rights as a group. They are intended not as restraining, but rather as preventing the inconsiderate from taking unfair advantage of others. Their enforcement will help protect your Cemetery and create and preserve its beauty. These rules and regulations are hereby adopted as the rules and regulations of the Cemetery and all owners of interment rights. Visitors and contractors performing work within the Cemetery shall be subject to all said rules and regulations, amendments of alterations as shall be adopted by the Cemetery as needed.

All persons are reminded that the grounds are sacredly devoted to the burial of the dead and that the provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by statute, will be strictly enforced in all cases of wanton injury, disturbance and disregard of the rules.

Perpetual Care:

For the purpose of the care, maintenance and the administration of the cemetery grounds and structures, a Perpetual Care Trust Fund has been established.

Interments:

Property in the cemetery shall be used only for the purpose of burying human remains. Owners shall not receive any property, but rather receive the right to control a single interment for that property. Some property may provide the option to purchase a second right of interment.

Pursuant to State Law, an individual who signs an authorization for interment of human remains is considered to warrant the truthfulness of any fact set forth in the authorization including the identity of the person for whose remains the interment, entombment or inurnment is sought and also the individual's authority to order final disposition. Moreover, the individual signing the authorization is personally and individually liable to pay damages in compensation for harm that is caused by or results from the signing of the authorization.

Interments and disinterments will be allowed only upon written consent of the owner, or surviving heir or heirs of deceased owner, or his or her administrator or executor unless under court order.

Upon the death or judicially declared incompetence of an owner, it is the duty of the heirs, devisees or guardian to file with the Cemetery proof of their right to use the lot; and further burials upon the lot may not be permitted until such proof is presented.

A transfer of Interment Rights is not effective until approved and recorded by the Cemetery, and any-and-all applicable transfer fees are paid.

It is not the policy of the Cemetery to repurchase Interment Rights.

Joint owners shall reserve the right to use for interment their spaces without the consent of the other owners. In cases of divorce where both parties are named as purchasers on a contract or right of interment, a copy of the divorce decree specifying who has rights to the property and/or merchandise must be provided to the Cemetery before any interment or transfer of ownership is allowed.

When instruction regarding the location of an interment cannot be obtained, or is indefinite, or when for any reason the interment space cannot be opened where specified, the Cemetery may, at its discretion, open it in such location as deemed best and proper, so as not to delay the funeral; and the Cemetery shall not be liable in damages for any error so made.

The Cemetery reserves unto itself the right to ingress and egress over all lots at all times. This reservation of rights is subject to and shall not limit the rights afforded outside dealers under applicable Georgia law.

Forty-Eight (48) hours notice is required for the preparation of a grave. The digging and preparation of a grave shall be done solely by the employees of the Cemetery or its agents, the reasonable cost for which shall be paid by the owner prior to any interment being made. Please also note that no openings and closings were sold preneed before October 1, 2023. It will also be necessary for a member of the family to sign a proper interment order and make satisfactory financial arrangement as to the grave opening/closing professional service fee. Interments, Entombments or Inurnments on Weekends and Holidays are subject to an additional grave opening/closing professional service fee.

Because of the difficulty of handling, an extra charge may be applied for vaults of unusual weight or size. Additional spaces may also be required to be purchased to accommodate oversized vaults.

Not more than one body, or the remains of more than one body, shall be interred, entombed or inurned in one space, except by the written consent of the Cemetery and the purchase of a second right of interment.

The scattering or dumping of cremated remains is strictly prohibited on Cemetery grounds.

Disinterment:

As a condition for performing any disinterment, the Cemetery requires written authorization signed by the Owner and/or the deceased's next-of-kin or their respective authorized representative on a form approved by the Cemetery. The Cemetery may also require additional documentation including a court order. All disinterments must be conducted in accordance with state and local law.

The Cemetery shall exercise due care in making disinterments, but shall assume no liability for damage to the body, casket, outer burial container, or urn in making a disinterment in accordance with written instructions of the Owner or his or her duly authorized representative(s). When a disinterment is to be made from one grave to another grave and an outer burial container was not used for the original interment or is damaged prior to or during the disinterment, an outer burial container meeting the Cemetery's specifications must be furnished by the Owner or next-of-kin for the new interment.

Additional costs associated with disinterment, including but not limited to, charges for labor, new outer burial containers, transportation, and compliance with state and local regulations, shall be borne solely by the Owner or next-of-kin. These costs will be determined based on the specific requirements and conditions of each disinterment and must be paid in full prior to the commencement of any disinterment activities. The Cemetery reserves the right to refuse to proceed with disinterment until all fees have been settled.

Owners or any other person having an interest in any Interment Rights are permitted one interment, entombment, or inurnment per space. If a disinterment, disentombment, or disinurnment occurs, the space reverts back to the Cemetery.

Planting, Flowers, and Decorations Policy:

The Cemetery is dedicated to preserving the beauty, uniformity, and respectful environment of the grounds. To maintain this, the Cemetery retains control and supervision of all property sold, and reserves the right to enter any property and prohibit, modify, or remove any plantings, structures, objects, improvements, or adornments that violate these rules or are deemed objectionable or injurious to the property or the Cemetery grounds in general. These actions may be taken without notice, either on a scheduled clean-up date or at any other time, without the right of claim by the Owner.

Flower and Floral Arrangements: Floral arrangements are limited to one arrangement per marker unless the marker has provisions for additional vases. Vases used must be integral to the marker design. Cut flowers may be placed at any time, provided they are in a vase approved by the Cemetery. Any unapproved receptacles, baskets, or designs will be removed and discarded by the Cemetery without notice, and without the right of reclamation by the Owner.

- **Funeral Flowers Placed at Burial:** Flowers placed at the grave on the day of burial will be removed by Cemetery personnel after three (3) days to complete the closing of the grave. Families are encouraged to take any flowers they wish to keep home with them on the day of the service. Live flowers are not permitted inside the mausoleum except during a service. Following the conclusion of the service, any flowers will be placed outside the mausoleum and discarded after three (3) days.
- **Temporary Markers:** A temporary marker will be placed on the grave for approximately sixty (60) days following a burial to allow families time to arrange for a permanent memorial. Should a permanent marker be ordered from the Cemetery within sixty (60) days of interment, the temporary marker will remain in place until the arrival of the permanent marker.
- **Flower Vases:** Fresh or artificial flowers may be placed in approved Cemetery vases, and flowers should be secured inside the vase to prevent them from being dislodged. Temporary vases are permitted for up to sixty (60) days following interment to provide time for ordering a permanent marker and vase. Faded flowers will be discarded by Cemetery personnel to maintain the beauty of the grounds. Potting soil and rooted plants are not allowed in vases. However, potted plants and baskets are permitted on the marker for Easter, Mother's Day, and Father's Day, provided they are removed within three (3) days after the holiday. Trinkets, solar lights, balloons, and other small items are only allowed within the vases. Any items placed on or around the memorial will be removed by Cemetery personnel.
- **Christmas Items:** Christmas bouquets, wreaths, and decorations will be removed by Cemetery personnel after February 1 of each year to maintain the beauty of the grounds. Families are advised to collect any Christmas decorations they wish to keep before this date.
- **Prayer Niches:** To maintain a clean and welcoming environment, flowers are not permitted at the Prayer Niches except at the time of interment. Any flowers placed at the niches will be discarded three (3) days after the service. No items are allowed on, between, or around the niches; any such items will be removed. Wind chimes are strictly prohibited in the courtyard of the Prayer Niches.

Planting: Planting and removal of grasses, shrubs, flowers, trees, and other plantings are at the discretion of Cemetery Personnel. Owners do not receive ownership of any planted property but instead have only the right to control the interment on that property. Ownership does not confer any right to plant or remove plantings without the express written consent and signature of the appropriate Cemetery Personnel. Unauthorized plantings may be removed by Cemetery personnel without notice to ensure the uniform appearance and safety of the grounds.

Ornamentation of Lots, Niches & Mausoleums: Only Cemetery-approved ornamentation is allowed. The Cemetery may remove or alter any decorations that are not in compliance with these rules or that may detract from the uniform appearance of the grounds. Except for outside

dealers operating in accordance with Georgia law, no work, including the placement of ornaments, may be performed except by regular employees of the Cemetery or with the express written consent of the appropriate Cemetery Personnel.

- **Prohibited Items:** No wooden, cast-iron, plastic, concrete, or resin bench or chair; shepherd's hooks; lights; or any wooden or wire trellis, hanger for plants, chimes, or similar items shall be permitted on Cemetery grounds unless authorized in writing by the Cemetery. Furthermore, open flames of any kind, including candles (lit or unlit), oil lamps, incense burners, torches, and similar fire-based items are strictly prohibited on Cemetery grounds, including in and around mausoleums, niches, graves, or benches. This policy is for the safety of all visitors, personnel, and property. Any such items found will be removed immediately without notice.
- Trinkets, solar lights, balloons, and other small items are permitted only within approved vases. Any items placed on or around the memorial or niches will be removed by Cemetery personnel. Funeral flowers and/ or fresh flowers are not permitted inside the mausoleum except during the funeral service and must be removed immediately afterwards.

Maintenance and Removal: The Cemetery reserves the right to maintain the grounds, and to remove any unauthorized plantings, structures, objects, or improvements as deemed necessary for the preservation of the Cemetery's aesthetic and safety standards. This includes the right to remove any trees, shrubs, or vines that may interfere with the maintenance of the grounds or pose a risk to visitors and staff. All removals will be conducted without prior notice, and the Cemetery is not responsible for notifying Owners about such actions. The Cemetery is not responsible for any missing flowers or items. If an item not permitted by these rules is placed at a grave, the Cemetery reserves the right to remove the item to ensure the safety and security of staff and visitors. Flowers dislodged from vases due to weather or other causes will be discarded.

The Cemetery appreciates the cooperation of all visitors in maintaining a safe and beautiful environment.

Traffic Rules:

Visitors are admitted only at the discretion of the Cemetery.

No person will be allowed to enter the Park except through regular entrances maintained for the public for such purposes.

The use of roads and paths in the Park as thoroughfares or public highways, either in vehicles or on foot, is prohibited. Violators of this rule shall be considered as trespassers.

There shall be no driving allowed over the lots or upon the lawns; provided, however, that the Cemetery shall provide reasonable access to outside dealers operating within accordance with Georgia law.

Buses or other “large” vehicles will not be allowed to enter the grounds, except by special permission.

Admission of vehicles upon the roads of the Park will be permitted as a privilege and not as a right inherent to the ownership of a lot, or otherwise. As a privilege it is restricted to those who observe the traffic rules adopted by the officials of the Cemetery.

The speed limit for automobiles is limited to 15 miles per hour.

Vehicles are not permitted to make U-turns, but must go around the section.

Visitors on foot have the primary right to the use of the roads, and all vehicles’ drivers are required to observe their right by careful driving and a strict adherence to the rules.

The sounding of horns, sirens or other automobile signals within the Park is prohibited.

Memorials:

In order that improvements are kept uniform, the Cemetery reserves the right to regulate the size and quality of all memorials including: benches and other construction on any grave or lot in said Cemetery.

Only one grave marker will be permitted on one grave space. No memorial may be set to embrace two or more grave spaces except a Companion or a Family Memorial. All memorials shall be set on uniform lines as prescribed by the Park, to conform to the general plan of the Park. The marking of each lot, grave or graves, except as hereinafter provided, is restricted and limited to flat bronze tablets (not less than 87% copper) on a granite base set flush with the turf, except in areas platted and specified for the sole use of upright monuments. Future death date scrolls or engravings are not included in the purchase of any marker unless specifically stated on a contract by the Cemetery. Except for purchases from or installations by dealers operating in accordance with Georgia law, all markers must be either purchased from or approved by the Cemetery with installation performed by or under the control of the Cemetery.

Installation charges will be at the standard rate in effect at the time of installation and are based on the area of the foundation or base of the marker for outside dealer installation performed by Cemetery personnel. There will be no extra charge for the installation of a marker purchased

from the Cemetery. There will be a charge for supervision of any installation done by an outside dealer.

The Cemetery will not be responsible for Memorials or Benches that are rejected for installation because they do not meet the required specifications.

If any memorial, niche, structure, inscription, or any embellishment whatsoever shall be determined by the Cemetery to be offensive or improper, the Cemetery reserves and shall have the right to (a) refuse to authorize the placement of such memorial or object; or (b) if already in place, the Cemetery shall have the right to remove, change or correct, at the Owner's expense, any such offensive or improper memorial, object or inscription.

Should any memorial, monument, mausoleum or structure become unsightly, dilapidated, a nuisance, or a safety hazard, the Cemetery shall have the right to repair it or, at its option, to remove and/or replace it. The cost of any repair, removal or replacement shall be paid by the Owner of the Interment Right. The opening of a niche, crypt, mausoleum, columbarium, in order to do repair or maintenance work does not constitute disinterment, and as such the Cemetery does not need permission to proceed with any such repair.

Memorial Bench Requirements:

Memorial Benches may be placed in approved places only. Bench placement is approved on a first-come-first-served basis. Once approved, the bench must be purchased within 3 days or the site will be released to another family. All Benches at Westminster and Sharon must be the standard 36" Cherokee Marble format, and at Camp must be 48" granite base with approved legs.

Insurance and Bonding Requirements for Outside Dealers:

All outside dealers must comply with the Rules of The Office of The Secretary of State-Cemeteries, Pre-need Dealers and Merchandise Dealers – Section 590-3-5-01. In addition, all outside monument dealers must complete the Monument Dealer Authorization form and meet current Insurance and Workers Compensation requirements as set by Cemetery. A copy may be obtained from the Cemetery .

Outer Burial Containers:

Outer Burial Containers are required with ground burials to prevent the caving of the ground that might naturally occur under the weight of maintenance machinery. Cremation vaults are required for interment of cremated remains. All receptacles must be purchased from or approved by the Cemetery. Outer burial containers must be constructed from steel or concrete and be able to withstand a minimum of 5,000 psi (pounds per square inch) to ensure durability and protection.

Mausoleum Entombments:

All remains of deceased individuals must be embalmed and contained within a sealed, metal casket.

Private Mausoleums or Other Means of Entombment:

Private mausoleums or other means of entombment are allowed only upon express approval of the owner(s) of the Cemetery. The purchaser(s) are responsible for the repair and preservation of such approved structures. Upon disrepair and decay, the Cemetery can remove such structures and re-inter the remains in the earth upon which the structure was located. Cremation options deemed as Cremation Rights can be allowed on existing interment spaces when approved by the cemetery.

General Rules:

Pets must be on a leash, under control of the owner, to be on Cemetery grounds; the owner of the pet is responsible for any damage and must clean up after pets.

Bringing any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs within the Cemetery is strictly forbidden. Open flames, including candles or incense, are not permitted anywhere on Cemetery grounds, in accordance with fire safety protocols.

The Cemetery is not responsible or liable for theft or damage to anything placed on graves or lots.

No wooden, cast-iron, plastic, concrete or resin bench or chair, shepherd's hooks, lights, or any wooden or wire trellis, or hanger for plants or chimes, or like items shall be permitted to be or be brought upon the Cemetery grounds unless authorized in writing by the Cemetery. The Cemetery retains control and supervision of all property which is sold; and the Cemetery retains the right to enter upon any property and prohibit, modify or remove any structures, object, improvement or adornment which may have been placed thereon in violation of the rules; or which may be considered objectionable or injurious to the property or to the Cemetery in general without any notice either on a scheduled clean-up date or any other time without right of claim by Owner.

The Cemetery and its agents have authority to enter upon any lot and to remove any objectionable thing or any erection that may have been placed there contrary to the regulations of the Cemetery, and they may remove any tree, shrub or vine.

Visiting hours for the Cemetery are dawn to dusk. Any person found on the grounds after dark will be considered a trespasser.

Vases containing flowers or other decorations will be removed as soon as the flowers fade and wither and the right is reserved by the Cemetery to make such removal. The Cemetery is not responsible for missing flowers.

No person will be permitted to use profane or boisterous language or in any way disturb the quiet and good order of the Cemetery. No person shall use foul, abusive, threatening, or profane language directed at or in the presence of Cemetery personnel. Any individual engaging in such behavior may be asked to leave the Cemetery grounds temporarily or, in severe or repeat cases, may be permanently banned from entering the Cemetery.

All persons are forbidden to hunt, or to fish, or disturb the fish, fowls or other animals about the Cemetery.

All persons are strictly forbidden to break or injure any tree or shrub, or mar any landmark, marker or memorial or in any way deface the grounds of the Cemetery.

It is essential to follow all rules and show proper respect for the place, even those not mentioned in the previous guidelines, as any improper behavior will not be allowed.

No persons, other than the duly authorized employees of the Cemetery, shall be allowed to perform any work within the Cemetery without written authorization issued by the Cemetery management and any such work so authorized shall be subject to all provisions contained herein pertaining to such activity. All authorized contracted workers must have proof of insurance filed with the Cemetery before work occurs.

Memorials, whether bronze, granite or marble, shall comply with size and section regulations of the Cemetery.

Visitors and Owners may not hire Cemetery employees nor pay them any monies to perform any services.

Supervision of Cemetery:

This Cemetery reserves the right to compel all persons coming into WCS Property grounds to obey all rules and regulations adopted by the Cemetery. The Officers of the Cemetery may change the rules and regulations without notice to any Owner.

The Cemetery shall take reasonable precaution to protect Owners, and the property rights of Owners, within the Park, from loss or damage; but it distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage caused by persons other than its agents and employees, the elements, an act of God, common enemy,

thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasion, insurrections, riots, or orders of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.

The Cemetery reserves the right to correct any errors in interments, disinterments, removals, inscriptions, transfers or conveyances. In correcting such errors, the Cemetery may, but is not obligated to, take such corrective measures as the Cemetery, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate under the circumstances including, without limitation, the following: (a) substituting Interment Rights of equal value and similar location; (b) disinterring and transferring the remains of any person to other property of equal value and similar location; and (c) correcting any errors in descriptions on monuments, markers or containers of cremated remains. Prior to taking such measures, the Cemetery will make a reasonable effort to notify the owner of the Interment Right or the known next of kin of the deceased. All parties contracting with the Cemetery shall notify the Cemetery of any change of address and telephone number to enable the Cemetery to provide that notification.

While incidents are rare, the Cemetery reserves the right to enter any interment space, mausoleum crypt, or niche to address any maintenance problems that may arise.

Persons within the Cemetery grounds shall use only the avenues, walkways and roads.

The right to enlarge, reduce, re-plat 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 any part thereof or remove or re-grade roads, drives, walks, and landscaping is hereby expressly reserved to the Cemetery. The right to lay, maintain and operate or alter or change pipelines or gutters for sprinkling systems, drainage lakes, etc., is also expressly reserved to the Cemetery, as well as is the right to use Cemetery property, not sold as Interment Rights to individual owners, for Cemetery purposes, including the interring and preparing for interment of human remains, or for anything necessary, incidental or convenient thereto.

The Cemetery reserves to itself, and to those lawfully entitled thereto, a perpetual right of ingress and egress over lots for the purpose of passage to and from other lots.

Funeral Regulations:

Funerals after entering the gates shall be subject to the direction of the Officers or Authorized Employees of the Cemetery.

No interment will be made unless the body is accompanied by a licensed Funeral Director required by law. A member of the family must sign a proper interment order and ensure that all associated fees, including the grave opening/closing professional service fee, are paid in full

before any interment can proceed. Forty-Eight (48) hour notice is required for the preparation of a grave, which shall be done solely by employees of the Cemetery or their agents. All funerals that arrive on cemetery property at or after 4 p.m. are subject to a late fee of \$400 to cover overtime expenses.

Modifications and Amendments:

The Cemetery may and it hereby expressly reserves the right, at any time or times, with or without notice to Owners, to adopt new rules and regulations, or to amend, alter and/or repeal any rule, regulation and/or article, section, paragraph and/or sentence in these Rules and Regulations. The most current version of the Rules and Regulations will be posted in the Cemetery office and copies will be made available as requested.

Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The Cemetery, therefore, reserves the right, without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications in any of the Rules and Regulations when, in its judgment, the same appear advisable; and such temporary exceptions, suspension or modification shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of such.

Holidays:

No burials will be scheduled on New Year's Eve (after 12 p.m.), New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve (after 12 p.m.), Christmas Day, Labor Day, Independence Day, Mother's Day, or Father's Day. No burials will be scheduled following these holidays prior to 12 p.m. the following day. Burials scheduled on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve must be completed no later than 1 p.m. and will be subject to an additional \$400 holiday fee.

Change of Address of Lot Owners:

It shall be the duty of the lot owner to notify the Cemetery of any change in his post office address or contact information. Notice sent to a lot owner at the last address on file in the office of the Cemetery shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notification.

Lots for Sale:

No sign indicating that a lot, vault or tomb is for sale will be permitted on the grounds.

Interment Rights are for personal/family use only. The property owner agrees that the Interment Rights are being purchased for personal or family interment purpose only and not for speculation, and neither seller, its agents nor sales persons, in any way represent or guarantee a resale thereof.

Statement of Sales Agent:

The instrument conveying to the lot owner the right of interment, and the rules and regulations of this Cemetery, now in force or which may hereafter be adopted, including modifications or amendments thereof, shall be the sole agreement between the Cemetery and the lot owner. The statement of any sales agent shall in no way bind the Cemetery.