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## Rules & Regulations

### General Rules

1. Each cemetery shall be open from sunrise to sunset.
2. Everyone shall respect the solemn nature of the grounds exercising orderly and quiet behavior.
3. No motorized recreational vehicles are allowed in any cemetery.
4. The grounds are to be entered only through established entrances.
5. Guided tours and special memorial services may be authorized by the Cemetery commission. Requests should be made through the office of the First Selectman.
6. Only human remains may be interred in any Lebanon cemetery.
7. All persons are strictly prohibited from marring or moving any memorial, defacing or injuring any property whatsoever within the cemetery grounds.
8. No repairs may be made to any monuments without the permission of the Cemetery Commission
9. Only photographs of headstones are permitted. No rubbings shall be allowed without the written permission of the Cemetery Commission

10. The rules and regulations of the cemeteries in the Town of Lebanon are subject to change at the discretion of the Cemetery Commission.
11. Neither the Cemetery Commission nor the Town of Lebanon will be held liable for vandalism.

## Monuments & Ornamentation

1. Only one monument will be allowed on adjacent (companion or family) multi-burial sites. Only flush markers are allowed on individual graves within such multi-burial sites. Fences or hedge railings to enclose such multi-burial sites are not allowed.
2. The use of cornerstones is encouraged, but not required. Cornerstones shall be no larger than 6 inches square and should be placed on the inside edge of the plot.
3. Monuments shall not be wider than 7 feet nor taller than 4 feet. A single grave monument shall not be taller than 4 feet.
4. All monuments shall be erected to conform to the safety and uniformity of the cemetery.
5. All monuments shall be erected on a poured concrete foundation with minimum surface dimensions are the same as the base of the monument and with depth of 42 inches where possible. Specific construction requirements are available at the Sexton's office.
6. To enable proper mowing and monument maintenance, planting of trees or shrubs is not allowed. They can up root the monument and cause monuments to topple. The Commission has the right to remove plantings of trees or shrubs after notice has been given to the owners or family members.
7. Flowers and bulbs may be planted within 1 foot of the front of the headstone and can be protected by an edging. However, the custodian/owner of the burial site is responsible for the upkeep of that area.
8. Cut flowers or annual flowers can be kept in non-glass containers no bigger than 2 gallons, and shall be located to avoid interfering with mowing or trimming. Cemetery workers may remove neglected and dead plants.
9. The Commission strives to maintain neat and clean cemeteries. Outdated ornamentations will be cleaned twice each year on the week before Memorial Day and the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Otherwise it is the responsibility of the

family to clean their grave sites no later than 2 months after a holiday. After that time, the town reserves the right to remove decorations. The Cremation Area may have ornamentation from October 15 until April 15. Grave sites are to be kept neat and free of old or faded flowers. Ornamentations in disrepair will be removed at the discretion of the Cemetery Commission.

## Interments

1. All graves (whether for standard or cremation burials) must be opened and closed under the supervision of the Sexton or agents of the Sexton.
2. Outer Burial Containers or Vaults shall be utilized for full burials in all cemeteries. There are limited options for Green Burials in Lebanon Cemeteries
3. Interments, disinterment or grave openings are prohibited on Sunday unless required for public health or religious reasons.

Cemetery Commission

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## Rules for monuments in Lebanon cemeteries. 9/26/2018, rev 5/13/2020

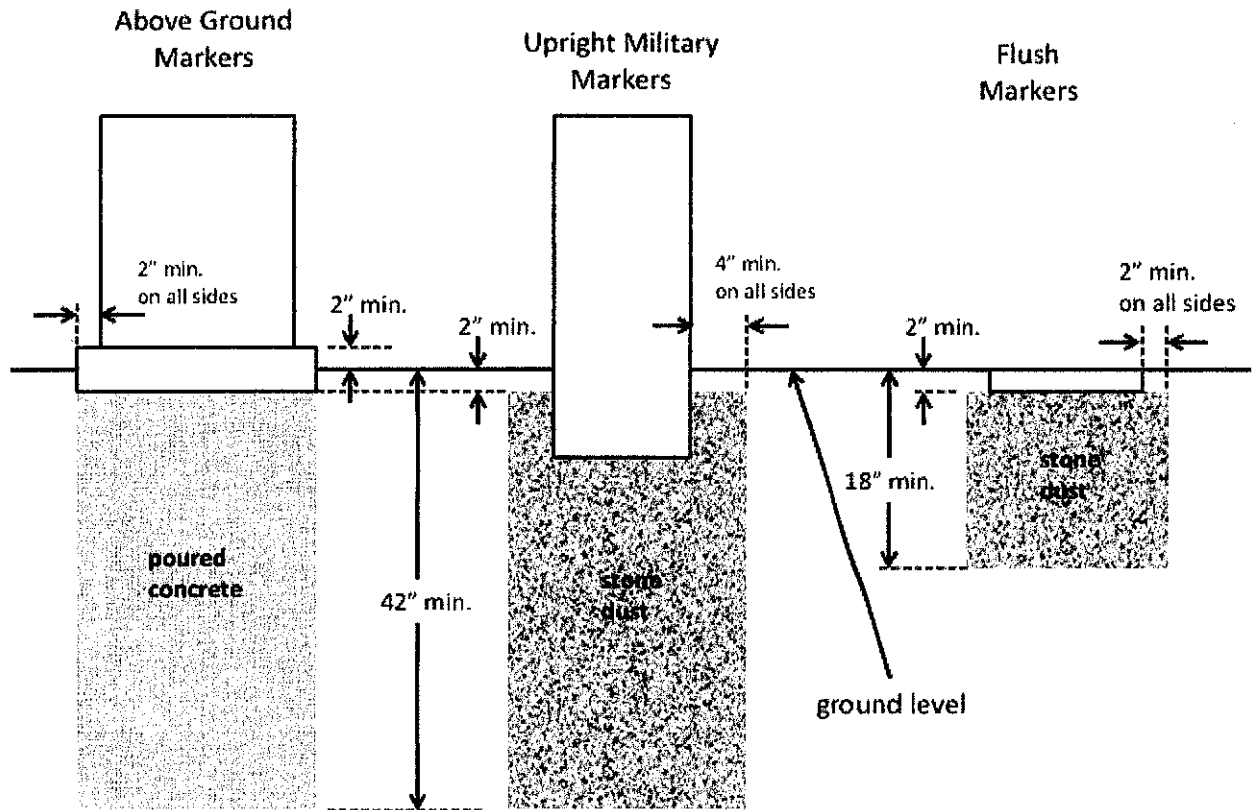
### All Cemeteries in Lebanon

1. All above-ground monuments (except upright-tablet military markers) shall be placed on a base which in turn rests on a poured concrete foundation.
  - a. The base shall protrude above ground level by at least 2 inches and extend 2 inches below ground level to a poured concrete foundation. The base shall exceed the footprint of the monument or marker by at least 2 inches on all sides.
  - b. The foundation must be poured concrete with the following characteristics
    - i. The footprint of the foundation must be at least as large as the base of the monument or marker.
    - ii. The foundation must be at least 42" deep.
    - iii. The concrete foundation must have a flat horizontal bottom and straight sides that are vertical.
2. Upright (tablet) Military markers must be set in a stone dust foundation that extends from 2 inches below ground level to 42 inches deep and that exceeds the footprint of the marker by 4 inches on all sides. The 2 inches above the foundation must be filled with topsoil to the edge of the marker itself and must be seeded.
3. Markers that are flush with the ground must be placed a stone dust foundation that has a footprint at least 2 inches larger on all sides than the marker and which extends from 2 inches below to at least 18 inches below grade level. The 2 inches above the foundation must be filled with topsoil to the edge of the marker itself and must be seeded.
4. All above ground monuments, including military markers, must be centered in the width of the "Monument Area" and oriented as designated by the Sexton.
5. Family monuments and corner markers for multiple adjacent burial sites.
  - a. Adjacent burial sites may be used for multiple standard and cremation burials such as family or companion groupings. A monument may span the multiple burial sites.
  - b. Installation of corner stones are encouraged to mark the external boundaries of such multiple burial sites. *Corner stones must be flush with the ground, 6 inches square and at least 12 inches deep.*
5. All foundation holes must be inspected by a Lebanon official before the foundation is placed.

### North Lebanon Cemetery, Synagogue Road

1. Upright monuments are only permitted in the dedicated monument area in standard grave sections.
2. Only flush markers are permitted outside of the "Monument Area" to mark individuals in family plots and may be placed over a vault.
3. Above ground foot stones are not permitted.
4. All cremation markers in the cremation area must be flat and level with the ground.

5. Each cremation burial will include a metal-detectable object above the burial urn but beneath the ground level to aid in locating the burial site in the future.



ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A CEMETERY COMMISSION  
FOR THE TOWN OF LEBANON

Be it ORDAINED by the electors of the Town of Lebanon at a duly warned Town Meeting held on Thursday, July 1, 2010 pursuant to the authority regarding Cemetery Commissions granted to the Town by Connecticut General Statutes Sections 7-148(c) (3)(A) and 7-148(c) (6)(i), the Town of Lebanon hereby enacts the following Ordinance:

Section I. Purpose: To establish a Cemetery Commission for the Town of Lebanon.

Section II. Membership: Said Commission to consist of Seven (7) regular members who shall be electors of said Town, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Section III. Term of Office - The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as follows:

Three (3) for three (3) years;

Two for two (2) years;

Two (2) for one (1) year;

Thereafter, each member shall be re-appointed to serve a Three (3) year term. The Board of Selectmen may fill any vacancy and may remove any member for cause.

Section IV: That all Ordinances or parts thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in so far as affects this Ordinance.

Section V: That this Ordinance shall take effect Fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

Dated at Lebanon Connecticut this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2010

Susan C. Coutu  
Town Clerk

Effective the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010

**An Ordinance Establishing Fees For The Purchase Of Burial Sites  
In The Cemetery Known As North Lebanon Cemetery  
Owned By The Town Of Lebanon**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the electors of the Town of Lebanon at a duly warned Special Town Meeting to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018

**Section I. Standard Burial Sites** in the cemetery owned by the Town of Lebanon referred to as the North Lebanon Cemetery shall be sold by the Town of Lebanon acting by and through its Cemetery Commission to only present or former residents of the Town of Lebanon and/or present property owners of the Town of Lebanon. There shall be a conveyance fee of \$500.00 per Standard Burial Site. No more than one (1) Standard Casket Burial plus four (4) Cremation Burials or no more than eight (8) Cremation Burials without a Standard Casket Burial shall be made in a Standard Burial Site. All subsequent transfers of Standard Burial Sites shall be made only with the approval of the Lebanon Cemetery Commission.

**Section II. Cremation Burial Sites** in the cemetery owned by the Town of Lebanon known as the North Lebanon Cemetery shall be sold by the Town of Lebanon acting by and through its Cemetery Commission to only present or former residents of the Town of Lebanon and/or present property owners of the Town of Lebanon. There shall be a conveyance fee of \$250.00 per Cremation Burial Site. No more than four (4) Cremation Burials shall be made in a single Cremation Burial Site. All subsequent transfers of Cremation Burial Sites shall be made only with the approval of the Lebanon Cemetery Commission.

**Section III.** This Ordinance shall apply only to the conveyance fees pertaining to the sale of burial sites in the North Lebanon Cemetery.

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes.

Dated at Lebanon, Connecticut this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

Mary Ellen Wieczorek  
Town Clerk

Effective the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018

# A Revised Ordinance Establishing Fees For The Purchase of Burial Sites In Cemeteries Owned By The Town of Lebanon

BE IT ORDAINED by the electors of the Town of Lebanon at a duly warned Special Town Meeting to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002

## Section I

Burial sites in cemeteries owned by the Town of Lebanon shall be sold only to present or former residents of the Town of Lebanon and/or present property owners of the Town of Lebanon. With the exception of Section II, there shall be a minimum sale of two graves per conveyance, for a conveyance fee of \$300.00 per two-grave lot. Any additional grave sites above the minimum of two shall be at \$150.00 per single grave lot. All subsequent transfers of burial sites shall be made only with the approval of the Lebanon Cemetery Commission acting on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

## Section II

### Cremation Burial Sites

Individual sites for Cremation Burials shall be established in the front section of the New Lebanon Cemetery. These Cremation Burial sites shall be sold only to present or former resident of the Town of Lebanon and/or present property owners of the Town of Lebanon for a fee of \$50 per site. All subsequent transfers of burial sites shall be made only with the approval of the Lebanon Cemetery Commission acting on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

This Ordinance supersedes any prior fee pertaining to the sale of burial lots in the Town of Lebanon.

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes.

Dated at Lebanon, Connecticut this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2002

Effective date is May 24, 2002

Joyce A. McGillicuddy  
Town Clerk