

BOROUGH OF LANSDALE LANSDALE CEMETERY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

April 2016

The Lansdale Cemetery located at South Broad Street and Whites Road in Lansdale Borough is owned by the Borough of Lansdale and operated by the Lansdale Cemetery, Inc., 1 Vine Street, Lansdale, PA 19446. Lansdale Borough Council entered into an agreement with the Lansdale Cemetery, Inc. that the Borough of Lansdale as owners of said property have agreed that the Lansdale Cemetery, Inc. Board of Trustees will exercise the supervision over the affairs and maintenance of the cemetery. The Lansdale Cemetery Board of Trustees reserves the right to amend and supplement these rules and regulations at any time, in the Board's sole discretion.

All cemetery operations shall be coordinated through the Lansdale Borough Office located at 1 Vine Street, Suite 201, Lansdale, PA 19446. Telephone 215-368-1691.

General Rules & Regulations

1. The following acts are specifically forbidden within the territorial boundaries of the cemeteries:
 - Roller skating and skateboarding
 - The use of mini-bikes, go-carts or snowmobiles
 - The display or sale of goods, wares or merchandise
 - Instructing persons in the use and operation of a motor vehicle
2. Dogs must be leashed in accordance with Lansdale Borough Ordinance.
3. Picking flowers, breaking or injuring trees, shrubs, or any planting, marring or defacing any stone work, objector structure will subject the offender to the penalties of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provided for such offenses.
4. Cemetery hours are sunrise to sunset.
5. Automobiles entering the cemetery must be driven at a slow speed, not faster than 15 miles per hour. No driving under any circumstances will be permitted on the turf. Cars shall be parked where traffic is not obstructed.
6. The removal of flowers, containers or shrubbery from the graves of others is strictly prohibited.
7. Visitors shall respect the solemnity of the place and strictly observe the rules which have been established for the purpose of securing quiet and good order at all times within the cemetery.
8. The right of admittance to the grounds may be restricted.
9. Picnic parties and those with refreshments will not be allowed on the grounds.
10. Children must be accompanied by a guardian, parent or other adult who shall be responsible for their conduct.
11. Entering the grounds except through the regularly established entrances will not be permitted.
12. Cemetery Management may expel from the grounds or cause to be arrested any person violating any of these rules and regulations or disturbing the sanctity of the place by noisy or improper conduct.

13. All rules and regulations will be strictly enforced under the provisions and penalties of the law.

Burials

1. The purchase price for a lot will be established by the Lansdale Cemetery, Inc. Board of Trustees. The purchase price shall include perpetual care, as more fully explained in the Purchase Agreement.
2. No burial lot can be conveyed or assigned by the original owner. All such transfers must be completed through the Lansdale Cemetery, Inc. Board of Trustees. A \$25.00 fee will be charged for preparation and transfers of deeds to another party.
3. Openings for any grave will not be approved prior to complete ownership of the burial plot and payment of all fees.
4. Arrangements for a grave opening shall be made through the burial lot owner's funeral home of choice.
5. The disposition of cremated human remains (cremains) shall require the same authorizations as regular casket interments.
6. No double full burials (one on top of another) will be permitted.
7. Persons of all denominations, of all religions are allowed to be buried in the Lansdale Cemetery.
8. The family of the deceased shall select the location of the grave and no change thereafter will be made except at the cost of the family. When the grave selection is ordered that selection is final.
9. Burial of two bodies in one grave is not permitted, except in the case of a parent/guardian and child or two children at the same time.
10. A maximum of four cremains or one body and two cremains in a single grave space. Only one memorial will be allowed per grave space.
11. No grave may be opened except by permission of proper authority. Funeral Directors shall be responsible for the charge of opening and closing the grave. Payment shall be made to the Lansdale Cemetery, Inc. at the time the grave is ordered. All caskets must be enclosed in an outer burial container (i.e. standard vault or grave liner) constructed of concrete only.
12. The cost of interment or re-interment will be in keeping with the difficulty of the work.
13. No remains will be disinterred without the consent in writing of the majority of the next of kin.
14. When a lot is paid in full a Cemetery Deed will be issued, giving location, size and number of burials permitted thereon. The cemetery authority guarantees the present as well as future care of the lot or grave.
15. No sale, transfer or assignment of a lot or any part of a lot shall be valid without the written consent of the Lansdale Cemetery, Inc.
16. No person will be recognized as the owner or part owner of a lot unless his or her name appears on the records of the cemetery as such owner or the heirs of the owner.
17. Any party purchasing a lot or grave shall contact the Lansdale Cemetery, Inc. only, as they have full charge of lots, graves, locations and sizes of lots, prices, payments, etc.
18. No interment or disinterment will be allowed without the consent of Cemetery Management. A request for disinterment shall be in writing and all charges for such service shall be paid in full in advance and a permit issued by the Registrar

of Vital Statistics shall be presented to Cemetery Management before disinterment can take place for removal from cemetery.

19. Lot owners, their heirs or their authorized agents should give personal attention to designating grave locations within each burial lot. Locations given over the telephone should be confirmed in writing prior to interment, otherwise locations will be made at the lot owner's risk and expense. Cemetery Management will assume no responsibility for errors in locations.
20. The laying out of graves markers shall be performed only by the regular employees of the cemetery.

Memorial/Headstones

1. Installation and maintenance of memorial stones or markers shall be sole the responsibility of the burial plot owner. The Lansdale Cemetery shall not be responsible for theft or vandalism to any stone or marker. Memorials must be placed on a proper concrete foundation and is the responsibility of the burial plot owner to have the foundation installed before the memorial is placed.
2. No monument, headstone or marker will be placed on the lot unless the lot is paid for in full.
3. Every lot owner shall have the right to erect within their lot any proper stones, monuments, or sepulchral structures and to cultivate shrubs and plants (no trees) or with a railing or fence to be placed on the lines and within the limits of their lot. If any such wall, railing or fence shall become so broken or defaced as in the opinion of the Superintendent, to be unsightly or offensive, they may cause the same to be removed, unless the owner of said lot, shall upon notice, renew or repair the same. To ensure proper planting the work must be done with the consent of the Superintendent. Plantings done without consent may be removed without notice.
4. All memorials must be made of granite, marble or bronze.
5. The placement of memorials is subject to the control and supervision of the Superintendent.

Flowers/Decorations/Grave Coverings

1. The Cemetery will not be responsible for any flowers decorations, holders or other devices or receptacles placed on graves.
2. Flowers, wreaths, funeral designs and flags will be removed from graves when, in the judgment of the Superintendent, they have become unsightly. Seasonal arrangements such for national holidays will be removed one month after the holiday.
3. Planting will be permitted at head of lot for a distance of four feet towards the foot of lot while grave/grass area is to remain flat.
4. Potted plants, cut flowers and wreaths will be allowed at all times on the lot but may be removed if they become unsightly at the direction of the Superintendent.
5. Unsightly containers for flowers such as tin cans, paper containers, and glass jars/vases will not be allowed.
6. Reasonable efforts are made to protect flowers, shrubs and other property from vandalism and/or theft, but no responsibility for their protection is assumed or implied.

Grounds/Lots/Grave – Maintenance

1. Lot owners may not cut, remove or disturb the sod or turf provided by the Cemetery Management.

2. The removal of flowers, containers or shrubbery from the graves of others is strictly prohibited.
3. Improvements on any lots must receive permission from the Superintendent.
4. Contractors will be held responsible for any damage done to the cemetery property including roads, turf and plantings. Contractors must restore the lots to the same condition/or better as before the work was begun.
5. Unless expressly allowed, no memorial setter or cement contractor will be permitted to leave litter or building material in the cemetery any time.
6. Out of due respect, during funeral services in the cemetery, all contractors are required to cease working until the services are completed.
7. Maintenance of the cemetery will be provided to include regular mowing of the grass, trimming around monumental work and raising and grading of sunken graves.
8. The cutting of turf on any lot is prohibited.
9. No person shall erect any mound within any lot or border or change the grade of any lot without consent of Cemetery Management.
10. The spreading of fertilizer, ashes, or other material on lots to stimulate the growth of grass will not be allowed. Application of any chemical or compound to control the growth of undesirable grasses or other plants is prohibited.