

RIDGE HILL MEMORIAL PARK
RULES AND REGULATIONS
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Section 1 DEFINITIONS

1-1 Cemetery Defined

The term "Cemetery" means the burial park, for earth interments; the community mausoleum, for crypt or vault interments; and the crematory, or the crematory and columbarium, for cinerary interments.

1-2 Plot, Grave, Crypt, and Niche Defined

"Plot" means space in the cemetery used, or intended to be used, for the interment of human remains. The term includes and applies to one or more than one adjoining grave, one or more than one adjoining crypt or vault, or one or more than one adjoining niche.

"Grave" means a space of ground in a burial park used, or intended to be used, for burial.

"Crypt" or "Vault" means a space in a mausoleum of sufficient size used or intended to be used to entomb uncremated human remains.

"Niche" means a space in a columbarium used, or intended to be used, for inurnment of cremated human remains.

1-3 Interment, Entombment and Inurnment Defined

"Interment" means the disposition of human remains by burial, entombment, or cremation and inurnment. "Entombment" means the placement of human remains in a crypt or vault.

"Inurnment" means placing cremated remains in an urn and placing it in a niche.

1-4 "Association" Defined

"Association" means the organization or corporation owning and controlling the cemetery.

1-5 Memorial and Monument Defined

"Memorial" means a monument, marker, tablet, headstone, tombstone, crypt or niche plate.

"Monument" means a memorial of granite or other approved stone, that extends above the surface of the lawn.

Section 2 GENERAL SUPERVISION OF CEMETERY

2-1 Admission to Cemetery

This Association is a private non-profit corporation, and it reserves the right to compel all persons coming into the cemetery to present proper identification to the management for examination; and further, this Association reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone not a lot owner or relative of a person interred in said cemetery, and to refuse the use of any of the cemetery facilities at any time to any person or persons whom the management may deem objectionable to the best interests of the cemetery.

2-2 Cemetery Management in Charge of Funeral

All funerals, on reaching the cemetery, shall be under the supervision of the cemetery management.

2-3 Casket Not to be Opened or Body Touched Without Consent

Once the funeral service is completed the Association reserves the right to refuse permission to anyone to open the casket or to touch the body without the consent of the legal representative of the deceased or without a court order; provided that in the event necessity requires the Association may take appropriate steps to correct any obnoxious or improper condition.

Section 3 INTERMENTS AND DISINTERMENTS GENERALLY

3-1 Subject to Laws

Besides being subject to these rules and regulations, all interments, disinterments and removals are made subject to the orders and laws of the properly constituted authorities of the city, county and state.

3-2 Time and Changes

All interments, disinterments and removals must be made at the time and in the manner and subject to the payment of such charges as fixed by the cemetery management.

3-3 Holidays

No interments, disinterments, removals, cremation or interment service shall be permitted on Sundays, or on any of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day.

When any of the before-mentioned holidays falls, or is legally observed, on a Saturday or Monday, funerals will be received on the last business day preceding the holiday up to 3:00p.m.

3-4 Notice

Notice for any interment must be received by the cemetery office no later than noon on the business day preceding the day of interment, and at least one week's notice prior to any disinterment or removal. The Association may refuse to make an interment until a more expedient time if the remains arrive at the cemetery entrance after 4:00 p.m., or if too many funerals arrive at the same hour.

3-5 Authorization to Inter

The Association may cremate, inter or open a plot for any purpose on proper written authorization by any plot owner of record made out on forms approved by the Association and duly filed in its office, unless there are written instructions to the contrary on file in the office.

3-6 Rules and Regulations Governing Outer Burial Containers

All caskets shall require an outer container for burial. Such container is required for the purpose of supporting the earth load of the grave in a manner so as not to allow the grave to settle, collapse or cave in.

All outer containers shall be constructed of concrete or metal of the following specifications:

Concrete containers shall be constructed so as to withstand all anticipated loads and stress - considering all ground conditions.

1. The minimum vertical wall thickness shall be 1 inches.
2. The minimum thickness of the cover shall be 2 inches.
3. The minimum thickness of the bottom shall be 2 inches.
4. The concrete shall have attained a compression strength of not less than 4500 lbs. per square inch before burial.

Metal Containers shall be constructed so as to withstand all anticipated loads and stress - considering all ground conditions.

1. The entire container shall be constructed of metal not lighter or thinner than 12 gauge.

Exceptions: Approved casket-vault combinations, 42 inches or less in length.

All outer containers shall be installed by either the employees of the association or the employees of the vault company.

All cremains must be in an approved container according to the current Cemetery guidelines.

3-7 Location of Interment Space

When instructions from the plot owner regarding the location of an interment space in a plot cannot be obtained, or are indefinite, or when for any reason the interment space cannot be opened where specified, the management may, in its discretion, open it in such location in the plot as it deems best and proper, so as not to delay the funeral; and the Association shall not be liable in damages for any error so made.

3-8 Orders Given by Telephone

The Association shall not be held responsible for any order given by telephone, or for any mistake occurring from the want of precise and proper instructions as to the particular space, size and location in a plot where interment is desired.

3-9 Errors May Be Corrected

The Association reserves, and shall have, the right to correct any errors that may be made by it either in making interments, disinterments or removals, or in the description, transfer or conveyance of any interment property, either by cancelling such conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof other interment property of equal value and similar location as far as possible, or as may be selected by the Association, or, in the sole discretion of the Association, by refunding the amount of money paid on account of said purchase. In the event the error shall involve the interment of the remains of any person in such property, the Association reserves, and shall have, the right to remove and reinter the remains to such other property of equal value and similar location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof. The Association shall also have the right to correct any errors made by placing an

improper inscription, including an incorrect name or date, either on the memorial or on the container for cremated remains.

3-10 Delays in Interments Caused by Protests

The Association shall be in no way liable for any delay in the interment of a body where a protest to the interment has been made, or where the rules and regulations have not been complied with; and further, said Association reserves the right, under such circumstances, to refuse the body until the full rights have been determined. The Association may require any protest to be in writing and filed in the office of the Association.

3-11 Not Responsible for Embalming or for Identity

The Association shall not be liable for the interment permit nor for the identity of the person sought to be interred or cremated; nor shall the Association be liable in any way for the embalming of the body.

3-12 No Interment Permitted Unless Property Paid For

No interment shall be permitted or memorial placed in or on any property not fully paid for except by special consent of the Association in writing in each and every case, and, in the event such consent is given, any and all interments or memorials placed in or on such property shall be considered as temporary, and a note shall not be considered as payment, and no rights shall be acquired by the plot purchaser of said interment or interments until such property is fully paid for in cash, including principal and interest; and, in case the purchaser of said property shall fail to meet all payments within thirty days after the same are demanded by the Association, the Association may reenter said property and hold the same as of its former estate. The Association, thereupon, shall be released from all obligations thereunder, and it may retain such payments as may have been made toward the purchase of such property as liquidated damages. The Association reserves the right, and shall have the right immediately or at any time thereafter, without notice, at its discretion, to cremate or to remove to single graves, to be chosen by the Association, each of the remains then interred in said property, The Association, further, shall have the right to remove any memorial that may have been placed on said property.

3-13 Interment of More Than One Body

Not more than one body, or the remains of more than one body, shall be interred in one grave, vault, crypt or niche, unless such grave, vault, crypt or niche has been purchased with the

written agreement that more than one body, or the remains of more than one body, may be interred, except by written consent of the Association, and provided proper identification is made of such interment or interments on one regulation crypt, niche, memorial or marker.

3-14 Interment in Church or Lodge Plot

Where a plot is owned by a Church, Lodge or other Society, interments shall be limited to the actual members of that organization, and to their husbands or wives, and to immediate members of families of members and only with written permission from such Church, Lodge or Society.

3-15 Association's Equipment Must Be Used

Only tents, artificial grass, lowering devices, and other equipment owned by the Association, shall be used exclusively in making interments, disinterments and removals.

3-16 Removal for Profit Prohibited

Removal, by the heirs, of a body or cremated remains so that the plot may be sold for profit to themselves, or removal contrary to the expressed or implied wish of the original plot owner, is repugnant to the ordinary sense of decency and is absolutely forbidden.

3-17 May Obtain Larger Plot

A body, or cremated remains, may be removed from its original plot to a larger plot or better plot in the Cemetery, when there has been an exchange or purchase for that purpose.

3-18 Care in Removal

The Association shall exercise due care in making a disinterment and removal, but it shall assume no liability for damage to any casket or burial case or urn incurred in making the disinterment and removal.

Section 4 SERVICE CHARGES AND PAST DUE INDEBTEDNESS

4-1 Payment of Service Charges

The charges for the cemetery service must be paid at the time of the issuance of the order of interment or disinterment and removal.

4-2 Past Due Indebtedness

Arrangements for the payment of any and all indebtedness due the Association must be made before cremation, or before interment will be made in any plot.

Section 5 PROPERTY RIGHTS OF PLOT OWNERS

5-1 Interment Rights of Plot Owners

All plots conveyed to individuals are presumed to be the sole and separate property of the owner named in the instrument of conveyance.

The spouse of an owner of any plot containing more than one interment space has a vested right of interment of his/her remains in the plot and any person thereafter becoming the spouse of the owner has a vested right of interment of his/her remains in the plot if more than one interment space is unoccupied at the time the person becomes the spouse of the owner.

No conveyance or other action of the owner without the written consent or joinder of the spouse of the owner divests the spouse of a vested right of interment, except that a final decree of divorce between them terminates the vested right of interment unless otherwise provided in the decree.

In a conveyance to two or more persons as joint tenants, each joint tenant has a vested right of interment in the plot conveyed.

Upon the death of a joint tenant, the title to the plot held in joint tenancy immediately vests in the survivors, subject to the vested right of interment of the remains of the deceased joint tenant.

A vested right of interment may be waived and is terminated upon the interment elsewhere of the remains of the person in whom invested.

An affidavit by a person having knowledge of the facts setting forth the fact of the death of the owner and the name of the person or persons entitled to the use of the plot is complete authorization to the Association to permit the use of the unoccupied portions of the plot by the person entitled to the use of it.

An affidavit by any person having knowledge of the facts setting forth the fact of the death of one joint tenant and establishing the identity of the surviving joint tenants named in the deed to any plot, when filed with the Association, is complete authorization to the Association to permit the use of the unoccupied portion of the plot in accordance with the directions of the surviving tenants or their successors in interest.

When there are several owners of a plot, or of rights of interment in it, they may designate one or more persons to represent the plot and file written notice of designation with the Association. In the absence of such notice or of objection to its so doing, the Association is not liable to any owner for interring or permitting an interment in the plot upon the request or direction of any co-owner of the plot.

No vested right of interment gives to any person the right to have his/her remains interred in any interment space in which the remains of any deceased person having a prior vested right of interment have been interred, nor does it give any person the right to have the remains of more than one deceased person interred in a single interment space in violation of the rules and regulations.

5-2 Family Plot Held Inalienable

Whenever an interment of the remains of a member or of a relative of a member of the family of the record owner or of the remains of the record owner is made in a plot transferred by deed or certificate of ownership to an individual owner and the owner dies without making disposition of the plot either in his/her will by a specific devise, or by a written declaration filed and recorded in the office of the Association, the plot thereby becomes inalienable and shall be held as the family plot of the owner.

In a family plot one grave, niche or crypt may be used for the owner's interment; one for the owner's surviving spouse, if any, who by law has a vested right of interment in it; and in those remaining, if any, the parents and children of the deceased owner in order of death may be interred without the consent of any person claiming any interest in the plot.

If no parent or child survives, the right of interment goes in the order of death first, to the spouse of any child of the record owner and second, in the order of death to the next heirs at law of the owner or the spouse of any heir at law.

Any surviving spouse, parent, child or heir who has a right of interment in a family plot may waive such right in favor of any other relative, or spouse of a relative of either the deceased owner or of his/her spouse, and upon such waiver the remains of the person in whose favor the waiver is made may be interred in the plot.

The Association may take and hold any plot conveyed or devised to it by the plot owner so that it will be inalienable, and interments shall be restricted to the persons designated in the conveyance or devise.

5-3 Descent of Right of Interment

If no interment is made in an interment plot which has been transferred by deed or certificate of ownership to an individual owner, or if all remains previously interred are lawfully removed, upon the death of the owner, unless he has disposed of the plot either in his/her will by a specific devise or by a written declaration filed and recorded in the office of the cemetery authority, the plot descends to the heirs at law of the owner subject to the rights of interment of the decedent and his/her surviving spouse.

5-4 Abandoned Lots

The Association has deemed it expedient, and in the best interests of maintaining the Cemetery and controlling its costs, to regulate Lots that appear to be abandoned by their last known owner of record.

Section 14 requires that all plot owners notify the Association of any change of his/her address.

In the event the Association is unable to determine the name and address of the owner of any given Lot, the Association shall have the right of reentry to the Cemetery Lot if the notification requirements of Section 14 are not met.

A Lot owner is any person who purchases a Lot or who receives a Lot by gift, inheritance or other means. Other than the original purchaser, any subsequent Lot owner must show evidence of ownership at the time of notifying the Association of his or her name and address.

At least 60 days before establishing reentry, the Association shall send notice by certified mail to the last known owner at the owner's last known address to inform the owner that the owner's interest in the Lot will cease unless the notification requirements are met.

If the owner's address is unknown and cannot, with reasonable due diligence, be ascertained, the Association must publish a notice in the newspaper of general circulation in the County.

Further, in order to establish reentry, the Board of Trustees shall pass a Resolution stating that notification requirements have not been fulfilled and that the Board reclaims its interest in the Lot.

This regulation applies to any given Lot owner who has not sold, given away, or transferred any Lot in more than 30 years and has not communicated with the Cemetery in more than 30 years.

This regulation becomes effective on June 15, 2022, and shall apply to all affected Lot owners regardless of date of purchase or acquisition.

The Association shall not be responsible, under any circumstances or events, for payment of more than 80% of the original purchase price of a Lot to an abandoned Lot owner affected by

this regulation. Any claim for payment must be made within one year of the date the notice was sent to Lot owner of The Association's intent to reclaim abandoned Lots.

Section 6 TRANSFERS OR ASSIGNMENTS

6-1 Consent of Association

No transfer or assignment of any plot, or interest therein, shall be valid until the consent of the Association has been endorsed thereon and the same has been recorded on the books of the Association.

6-2 Indebtedness

The Association may refuse to consent to a transfer or to an assignment as long as there is any indebtedness due the Association from the record plot owner.

6-3 Transfer Charges

The Association may fix a charge for all transfers of ownership in plots. No transfer of ownership shall be complete or effective until all charges are paid.

Section 7 SUBDIVISION OF PLOTS

7-1 May Not Subdivide Plots

The subdivision of plots is not allowed, and no one shall be interred in any plot not having any interest therein, except by written consent of all parties interested in such plot and of the Association; provided however, a relative of any record owner may be interred in said plot as provided in these rules or in the laws of the state.

Section 8 CONTROL OF WORK BY ASSOCIATION

8-1 Work to be Done by Association

All grading, landscape work and improvements of any kind, and all care on plots, shall be done and all trees and shrubs and herbage of any kind shall be planted, trimmed, cut or removed, and all openings and closings of plots, and all interments, disinterments and removals shall be made only by the Association unless by written consent of the management of Ridge Hill Memorial Park Association. Ridge Hill Memorial Park Association shall be held blameless and absolved of any and all liability for any injuries or losses sustained in the performance of any work or improvements by any person not directly employed by Ridge Hill Memorial Park.

8-2 Cemetery Management Must Direct and May Remove Improvements

All improvements or alterations of individual property in the Cemetery shall be under the direction of and subject to the consent, satisfaction and approval of the management; and, should they be made without its written consent, the management shall have the right to remove, alter or change such improvements or alterations at the expense of the plot owner, or in any event, at any time, in its judgment, they become unsightly to the eye.

Section 9 DECORATIONS OF PLOTS

9-1 Floral Regulations

No flower receptacles may be placed on any plot, unless approved by the Association and they shall be of metal of approved size and design and, set wholly beneath the level of the lawn. Such receptacles may be purchased from and placed by the Association. The Association shall have authority to remove all floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, plants or herbage of any kind from the cemetery as soon as in the judgment of the management, they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental or diseased or when they do not conform to standards maintained. The Association shall not be liable for floral pieces, baskets or frames.

9-2 Certain Ornaments Prohibited

The placing of boxes, shells, stones, coins, toys, balloons, wood, metal or plastic designs, ornamentation, chairs, settees, vases, bottles, cans and similar articles upon plots shall not be permitted, and if so placed, the Association may remove same.

9-3 Floral and Decoration Policies Published

The floral and decoration policies of Ridge Hill Memorial Park Association shall be published on the official website and shall also be available in paper form upon request at the cemetery

office. These policies may be amended, replaced, or repealed at any time and without notice by the management or Board of Trustees of Ridge Hill Memorial Park Association. It shall be the responsibility of any person wishing to place flowers or decorations within the cemetery to review and abide by the appropriate policies at all times.

Section 10 ROADWAYS AND REPLATTING

10-1 Right to Replat, Regrade and Use Property

The right and privilege, at any time and from time to time, to resurvey, enlarge, diminish, replant, alter in shape or size. or otherwise to change all or any part, portion or subdivision of the property hereby mapped and platted (including the right to layout, establish, close, eliminate, or otherwise modify or change the location of roads, walks, or drives) and to file amended maps or plats thereof, and to use the same for the erection of buildings, or for any purposes or uses connected with, incident to or convenient for the care, preservation or preparation for the disposal or interment of human dead bodies, or other cemetery purposes. together with easements and rights of way over and through said premises for, and the right and privilege of installing, maintaining and operating pipelines, conduits or drains for sprinklers, drainage, electric or communication lines or for any other purposes is hereby expressly reserved to the Association.

10-2 No Right Granted in Roadways or Pathways

No easement or right of interment is granted to any plot owner in any road, drive, or walk within the cemetery, but such road, drive or walk may be used as a means of access to the cemetery buildings as long as the Association devotes it to that purpose.

Section 11 CONDUCT OF PERSONS WITHIN THE CEMETERY

11-1 Must Use Walks

Persons within the cemetery grounds shall use only the avenues, walks, and roads, and any person injured while walking on the grass, or while on any portion of the Cemetery, shall in no way hold the Association liable for any injuries sustained.

11-2 Trespassers on Cemetery Plots

Only the plot owner and his/her relatives shall be permitted on the Cemetery plot. Plots are sacred and private property and must not be invaded. Any other person thereon shall be considered a trespasser.

11-3 Flowers, etc.

All persons are prohibited from gathering flowers, either wild or cultivated, or breaking trees, shrubbery or plants, or feeding or disturbing the birds or fish or other animal life.

11-4 Refreshments

No person shall be permitted to have refreshments within the Cemetery, except as authorized by the management.

11-5 Loitering Prohibited

Persons other than plot owners or relatives shall not be permitted to loiter in the Cemetery, or in any of the buildings.

11-6 Loud Talking

Boisterous or unseemly conduct shall not be permitted in the Cemetery, or in any of the buildings.

11-7 Rubbish

The throwing of rubbish on the drives and paths, or on any part of the grounds, or in the buildings, is prohibited. Receptacles for waste material are located at convenient places by the management.

11-8 Motor Vehicles and Bicycles

Motor vehicles and bicycles shall not be driven through the grounds at a greater speed than 15 miles per hour and must always be kept on the right-hand side of the cemetery roadway. Motor vehicles and bicycles are not allowed to park or to come to a full stop in front of an open grave unless such automobiles are in attendance at the funeral.

11-9 Peddling or Soliciting

Peddling of flowers or plants, or soliciting the sale of any commodity, other than by employees of the Association under its direction is prohibited within the confines of the Cemetery.

Solicitation of any kind is strictly forbidden at any time in the Cemetery without the approval of the Association.

11-10 Firearms

No firearms shall be permitted within the Cemetery except on special permit from the management or duly constituted authorities.

11-11 Notices and Advertisements

No signs or notices or advertisements of any kind shall be allowed in the Cemetery, unless placed by the Association.

11-12 Pets

Pets shall be leashed at all times when on the cemetery grounds. Owners must clean up after their pets. Pets may accompany their owners when visiting plots, but in order to maintain a respectful and peaceful atmosphere for all pets may not be walked throughout the cemetery. Pets are not permitted inside any mausoleum or cemetery building, with the exception of licensed service animals.

11-13 Hours Grounds and Office Open

Cemetery office hours are determined by management and will be properly posted. Unless otherwise posted by the management or Board of Trustees, the cemetery shall be open from dawn until dusk each day.

11-14 Improprieties

It is of the utmost importance that there should be strict observance of all of the proprieties of the Cemetery, whether embraced in these rules or not, as no improprieties shall be allowed, and the management shall have power to prevent improper assemblages.

11-15 Management to Enforce Rules

The Manager and such other employees as the Association Trustees may designate is hereby empowered to enforce all rules and regulations, and to exclude from the property of the Association any person violating the same. The manager and the manager's assistants shall have charge of the grounds and buildings, and at all times shall have supervision and control of all persons in the Cemetery, including the conduct of funerals, weddings, traffic, employees, plot owners and visitors.

Section 12 FEES, GRATUITIES AND COMMISSIONS

12-1 Gratuities May Not Be Accepted by Employees

No person, while employed by the Association, shall receive any fee, gratuity or commission, except from the Association, either directly or indirectly, under penalty of immediate dismissal.

Section 13 PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS OR DAMAGE

13-1 Use of Guards and Non-responsibility

The Association shall have the right to maintain guards if in its discretion it deems it necessary but is under no legal obligation to do so. Whether or not guards are used, the Association distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and, especially from damage caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage is direct or collateral.

13-2 Association May Charge for Unusual Repairs Necessitated by Acts of God, etc.

In the event that it becomes necessary to repair or reconstruct any marble, granite, bronze or concrete work on any section or plot or crypt or niche, or any portion or portions thereof in the Cemetery, mausoleum or columbarium, which has been damaged by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or by the order of any military or civil authority, the Association shall give a 10 day written notice of the necessity for such repair to the lot owner of record. The notice shall be given by depositing the same in the United States mail addressed to the plot owner of record at his or her address stated on the books of the Association. In the event the plot owner fails to repair the damage within a reasonable time, the Association may direct that the repairs be made and charge the expense against the plot and to the plot owner of record.

Section 14 CHANGE IN ADDRESS OF PLOT OWNERS

14-1 Plot Owner Must Notify Association

It shall be the duty of the plot owner to notify the Association of any change in his/her post office address. Notice sent to a plot owner at his/her last address on file in the office of the Secretary of the Association shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notification.

Section 15 ENDOWMENT CARE OR PERPETUAL CARE

15-1 Endowment Care or Perpetual Care

Endowment care or perpetual care is that care and maintenance necessitated by natural growth and ordinary wear which can be provided at reasonable intervals with income from the perpetual care fund, and includes the planting, cutting, watering, and care of lawns, trees and shrubs; the cleaning and upkeep of buildings; and the maintenance of utilities, walls, roadways and walks. The Association may also use a portion of the income from such fund for such general care, maintenance, repairs and embellishment as it in its sound discretion shall deem to be for the best interests of the Cemetery to the end that the Cemetery generally be kept in the best condition possible within the limits of such income.

15-2 Endowment Care and Perpetual Care Exception

The terms "Endowment Care" or "Perpetual Care" shall not be construed as meaning the maintenance, repair or replacement of any gravestones or monumental structures or memorials placed or erected upon plots; nor the planting of flowers or ornamental plants; nor the maintenance or doing of any special or unusual work in the Cemetery; nor does it mean the reconstruction of any marble, granite, bronze or concrete work on any section or plot, or any portion or portions thereof in the Cemetery, or other buildings or structures, caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or by order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.

15-3 Minimum Maintenance Guidelines

The Department of Commerce of the State of Ohio may, from time to time, publish suggested cemetery minimum maintenance guidelines. Ridge Hill Memorial Park Association may, in its sole discretion, refer to such guidelines when determining the appropriate application of endowment care or perpetual care. Ridge Hill Memorial Park Association shall not be bound to strictly adhere to such suggested guidelines and may in practice deviate from such guidelines. The Board of Trustees shall direct that endowment care and perpetual care funds be expended in accordance with the best interests of the cemetery grounds and facilities.

Section 16 RULES FOR MEMORIAL WORK

16-1 Bronze Memorials and Markers - General

Only bronze memorials and markers shall be allowed, and they must set level with the ground at the foot of each grave. The foundation must be placed by the Association. Not more than two markers may be placed on one grave. Any exception to this guideline must be approved by management.

16-2 Bronze Memorials and Markers - Standard Specifications

The following standard specifications are required of all bronze markers intended for placement in the Cemetery. All markers are subject to the approval of the Association prior to placement, and acceptance or rejection shall be based upon the specifications contained herein.

1. Quality of Bronze – All memorials and markers shall be made of an alloy of not less than 87% Copper, not less than 5% Tin, no more than 2.5% Lead and not more than 5% Zinc. All other elements to be 1% or less.
2. No brass memorials or markers will be permitted.
3. The color, finish, quality of workmanship, anchor arrangement and lettering must conform to existing installations.
4. Installation of memorials and markers must be done by employees of Ridge Hill Memorial Park Association or its agents only.
5. All requests for monuments, memorials, and markers must be approved in advance by the Board of Trustees or management of Ridge Hill Memorial Park Association and the fee for installation and perpetual care for same shall be set by the Trustees.

16-3 Source of Memorials and Markers

All bronze memorial markers must be purchased from Ridge Hill Memorial Park Association unless otherwise approved by the management or Board of Trustees, it being necessary to strictly control the quality and type of memorials and markers placed within the cemetery. Any bronze memorial or marker manufactured, supplied, or procured by any entity other than Ridge Hill Memorial Park Association may be rejected for installation within the cemetery by the management or Board of Trustees of Ridge Hill Memorial Park association for any reason which may, in their sole discretion, be deemed expedient.

Section 17 CERTIFICATE AND RULES AND REGULATIONS SOLE AGREEMENT

17-1 Statements of Sales Agents

The certificate of ownership and these rules and regulations and any amendments thereto shall be the sole agreement between the Association and the certificate holder. The statement of any sales agent shall in no way bind the Association.

Section 18 MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

18-1 Exceptions and Modifications

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

Section 19 AMENDMENTS

19-1 Amendments

The Association may, and it hereby expressly reserves the right, at any time or times, to adopt new rules and regulations, or to amend, alter or repeal any rule, regulation, article, section, paragraph or sentence in these rules and regulations.

In addition, thereto, the Board of Trustees may make rules between annual meetings of the Association which shall be effective until the next annual meeting.

