

Wildwood Cemetery

Wilmington, Massachusetts

Rules and Regulations

The adoption and enforcement of the rules here published are to secure peace and good order within the cemetery, to protect the interest of the lot and grave owners and to preserve the beauty of the grounds. All persons are requested to obey these rules and should report any infraction of them by others to the Superintendent. These rules and regulations may be amended or altered by the Cemetery Commissioners as circumstances may require.

Eligibility Requirements for Lot Purchase

1. The purchase of a grave must be for a deceased individual.
2. The deceased individual must be a resident of Wilmington or a former resident of Wilmington that meets the conditions of Section 3.
3. If the deceased individual is a former resident, they must have been a resident of Wilmington for at least one-half of their life. The former resident will only be allowed to purchase a one or two grave lot.
4. A maximum of two (2) graves for a former resident and four (4) graves for a resident may be purchased by a resident relative of the deceased. If there are no relatives who reside in Wilmington, a maximum of two (2) graves may be purchased by a non-resident on behalf of the deceased resident or former resident.

Ownership, Fees & Payments

1. The proprietors of lots or graves in Wildwood Cemetery, or their legal representatives, shall not grant, sell or convey any right of burial to anyone without having first obtained the approval of the Board, but it shall be optional with the Board to grant or withhold such approval.
2. Upon the death of the owner of a lot or grave, title shall pass in accordance with Massachusetts law. Heirs of the deceased owner may designate among themselves a representative for the lot or grave.
3. The spouse of a deceased owner has the right of burial.
4. The current prices for graves and services are available from the Cemetery Office in the Town Hall.
5. Payment for all graves shall be made at the time of purchase and a deed will then be issued to the owner.
6. Grave charges and opening charges must be paid before any interment.

Resale of Graves

1. Graves may only be resold to the Town of Wilmington. The amount refunded will be the original purchase price.

Perpetual Care

1. All lots are sold with Perpetual Care. The amount designated perpetual care is deposited into a perpetual care fund and is administered by the Town Treasurer and the Department of Public Works.
2. The term "Perpetual Care" means the regular mowing and trimming of the lots during the growing season. In no case shall this mean the maintenance, repair or replacement of any gravestones, monumental structures or memorials of any kind or the reconstruction of any damaged gravestones, monuments or memorials. It does not include maintenance of grave decorations of any kind.

Interment Requirements

1. Lots in the cemetery shall not be used for any other purpose than a place of burial for the human dead. All burials shall be under the personal charge of the Superintendent of the Cemetery.
2. The Superintendent must be notified at least 24 hours before a burial is to take place. The location of the grave must be designated when notice of interment is given.
3. No interment shall be made until the Superintendent has been furnished with a permit, as required by the Laws of the Commonwealth, together with an order of interment signed by the owner or legal representative of the lot in which interment is to be made, and all fees have been paid.
4. There will be no Sunday or holiday burials unless a contagious disease, or unless approved by the Superintendent.
5. Graves or tombs may be opened for interment by cemetery employees only.
6. An extra charge for interment will be made during the winter months at the discretion of the Superintendent.
7. A minimum requirement for interment shall be an outer cement container for the casket except in the case of cremains or stillborn.
8. Removal of bodies shall be done according to Massachusetts law.
9. Each gravesite may be used for a maximum of four (4) urns containing ashes.
10. A maximum of four (4) urns may be inserted with a normal casket burial.

11. All urns or other receptacles used for permanent interment must be of a durable and lasting material approved by the Superintendent or his designee.

Monuments, Foundations & Markers

1. Accounts must be paid in full prior to accepting orders for foundations and flush marker installation.
2. Lots in the cemetery will be restricted to one stone, the location to be aligned by the Superintendent.
3. No monument or headstone will be allowed to be set on the day before Memorial Day, and no foundation order will be acknowledged between the fifteenth of May and the first of June.
4. No monument or headstone may be set on a single grave lot. **Monuments are allowed on 2-grave lots in Section N only.** All other 2-grave lots are allowed flush markers only. Flush markers must have dimensions not to exceed 24" in length by 14" wide on a single grave and 56" in length by 16" wide on 2-grave lots.
5. All foundations for stones and monuments in the cemetery shall be constructed by the Superintendent, and no monument may be erected or stone set until the cost of the construction has been paid. The maximum base length for a 2-grave lot is 3'0" x 1'2" (Section N only), the maximum base length for a 4-grave lot is 4'6" x 1'4", and maximum base length for a 6-grave lot is 5'0" x 1'4". The height limit for 2-grave lot monuments is 3', and for 4 and 6 grave lot monuments is 5'.
6. If any monument of effigy, or any structure or inscription be placed upon any lot which shall be deemed by the Board to be offensive or improper, the Board will have the right and it shall be its duty to remove the offensive objects.

Decorations of Lots and Graves

1. Flowers may be brought onto the grounds for decorative purposes, but glass jars are not allowed. Flowers or decorations must not be carried from the grounds except by the permission of the lot owner. Flowers and wreaths left on graves will be removed as soon as possible after they fade or become unsightly.
2. The Town of Wilmington will not be responsible for damage or theft of any flowers, decorations, holders, statues, receptacles or any type of memorializing item that is left at a grave. The Cemetery suggests not placing items of any actual or personal worth at the graves.
3. Cemetery employees will remove Christmas decorations not removed by April 1.
4. Planting is not allowed in the Wildwood Cemetery. No digging, mulch, stone, marble chips, or gravel is allowed in the cemetery.

General Information

1. Each lot in Wildwood Cemetery shall be marked by suitable markers to be placed by the Cemetery Division; the number of the lots to be legibly and permanently marked on the premises. No monument, structure or inscriptions shall be allowed without the approval of the Board. No fence, hedge, or other enclosure will be allowed. Wooden enclosures and wooden markers designating graves will not be allowed.
2. Funerals will enter the cemetery solely from the last entrance on Wildwood Street.
3. No work shall be performed in this cemetery except by the employees or approved contractors under the direction of the Superintendent.
4. No person shall gather any flowers, either wild or cultivated, on the premises. No person shall remove, cut, break or mark any tree, shrub or plant; no person shall mark upon, deface or injure any monument or any other structure on the grounds.
5. No dogs are allowed in the cemetery.
6. All persons must walk in the pathways.
7. The Board should be notified promptly of the legal representatives appointed after decease of lot owners.
8. No alcoholic beverages are allowed.
9. No one is allowed on cemetery grounds after dusk.
10. No firearms are allowed in the cemetery, except for military and memorial services, and only with the approval of the Superintendent.
11. No recreational activities are allowed in the cemetery such as:
 - a. Running or jogging
 - b. Ball playing
 - c. Hockey
 - d. Fishing
 - e. Rollerblading or street skating
 - f. Bike riding
 - g. Golfing

Location/Hours of Operation

Main Cemetery Office
Town Hall
121 Glen Road
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Monday through Friday excluding holidays

Cemetery Telephone
Office at the Cemetery
978-658-3901

October 14, 1998
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Revised May 24, 2005
Revised October 12, 2007
Revised July 8, 2009

**WILDWOOD CEMETERY
WILMINGTON, MA**

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

Cost per Grave:

Four (4) Grave Lot	750.00
Two (2) Grave Lot	650.00
One (1) Grave Lot	650.00
Cost Infant Grave	100.00
Opening Charge Interment	500.00
Former Resident Interment (extra)	350.00
Never Resident Interment (extra)	1,000.00
Cremation Interment	125.00
Cremation Interment Former Resident (extra)	125.00
Cremation Interment Never Resident (extra)	300.00
Infant Charge Interment	100.00
Saturday and Holiday Charge (extra)	350.00
Foundation Charge per Square Foot	40.00
Deed	5.00
Recording of Deed	10.00
Disinterment	500.00
Disinterment Cremains	150.00
Transfer within the Cemetery	700.00
Copy of Deed	3.00
Affidavit	3.00

Rates effective 10/12/2007