

# *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 Public Works Director. These rules and regulations may be amended or altered by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners as circumstances may require.

#### **Eligibility Requirements for Lot Purchase**

1. The purchase of a grave must be for a deceased Wilmington resident or former resident as defined.
2. The deceased individual must be a resident of Wilmington for a minimum of five years.
3. If the deceased individual is a former resident, they must have been a resident of Wilmington for at least twenty years.
4. The definition of a nonresident is anyone not presently residing in town who does not meet the conditions of #3. Any resident who has been confined to a hospital, continued care unit, or nursing home out of town will still be considered a 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 Town, but it shall be optional with the Town 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 located at the DPW Administrative Building, 115 Andover Street.
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.

7. When a resident is applying for Medicaid and is required to spend down his/her assets, pre-payment for their grave opening charges will be accepted and this payment will be non-refundable.

### **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 Public Works Director of the Cemetery.
2. The Public Works Director 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 Public Works Director 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 due to a hardship without the approval of the Public Works Director.
5. Graves or tombs may be opened for interment by cemetery employees only.
6. An extra charge for interment may be made during the winter months at the discretion of the Public Works Director.
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 six (6) 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 Public Works Director 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 Public Works Director.
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 Public Works Director, 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 a 2-grave lot monument is 3' and for a 4 and 6 grave lot monument 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 of Cemetery Commissioners to be offensive or improper, the Board of Cemetery Commissioners 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 15.
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 Public Works Director. 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 Cemetery employees or approved contractors under the direction of the Public Works Director.
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 should be respectful of graves and markers.
7. The Public Works Director 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 before dawn or after dusk.
10. No firearms are allowed in the cemetery, except for military and memorial services, and only with the approval of the Public Works Director.
11. No recreational activities are allowed in the cemetery or any activity not associated with normal cemetery use.

## **Location/Hours of Operation**

Main Cemetery Office  
Administrative Offices  
115 Andover Street  
7:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
978-658-3901 (office phone)  
Monday through Friday excluding holidays and town office closures

October 14, 1998  
Section 1 Revised April 8, 1999  
Revised May 24, 2005  
Revised October 12, 2007  
Revised July 8, 2009  
Revised May 19, 2016

**WILDWOOD CEMETERY  
WILMINGTON, MA  
SCHEDULE OF CHARGES**

**Sale of Lots:**

Two (2) Grave Lot With Headstone	\$2,100.00
Two (2) Grave Lot With Flat Marker	\$1,700.00
One (1) Grave Lot	\$ 800.00
Infant Grave	\$ 100.00

**Opening Charges:**

Interment - Resident	\$ 800.00
Interment - Non Resident	\$1,200.00
Cremation Interment - Resident	\$ 200.00
Cremation Interment - Non Resident	\$ 400.00
Infant Interment	\$ 100.00
Saturday Charge - Full Burial	\$ 600.00
Saturday Charge - Cremation	\$ 350.00
Disinterment (Full Burial)	\$ 800.00
Transfer within the Cemetery (Full Burial)	\$1,500.00
Disinterment (Cremation)	\$ 200.00
Transfer within the Cemetery (Cremation)	\$ 300.00
Foundation Charge per Square Foot	\$ 70.00
Deed	\$ 5.00
Recording of Deed	\$ 10.00
Copy of Deed	\$ 3.00
Affidavit	\$ 3.00

Rates Effective 5/19/2016