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SOUTHERN SHORES CEMETERY

GENERAL INFORMATION  
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TOWN ORDINANCE

## TOWN CEMETERY ORDINANCE

1. A Certificate of Burial Rights shall be issued for the right to use, for burial purposes and in exchange for payment, lot or lots in Southern Shores Cemetery and is issued subject to the rules, regulations and ordinances governing the cemetery adopted by the Town Council. The right conveyed by a certificate is for a period of 20 years from the date of execution of the certificate by the Town and thereupon shall expire. Once a lot is used for a family member, however, the entitlement to use one other lot owned by that family vests in perpetuity to the family without renewal requirements. Any remaining lots may be retained by the family as long as renewal requirements are met. The right to use the above described cemetery lot as burial place is vested to the grantee and any member of his/her immediate family which is defined as spouse, brother, sister, parent, child or grandchild or the spouse of any of those and shall not be assigned to any other person.

2. Should no immediate family burial occur within 20 years from the date of the certificate expiration, then, upon tender of a renewal fee of \$10.00 within five (5) years following the expiration date of the original certificate, the certificate may be renewed for a period of 10 years from the expiration date of the original certificate. It is the responsibility of the grantee or his family, to advise the town of any change of address and renew the certificate. Automatic cancellation of burial rights will occur if the certificate is not duly renewed within five (5) years following the expiration date of the original certificate. No more than four (4) lots may be owned by any one family, unless Town Council determines otherwise, based on number of children, grandparents, spouses. Upon request of the certificate holder the Town may purchase lots back at the original purchase price. Current purchase price is \$500.00 for Town property owners, \$2,000 for non-property owners.

3. Lots containing trees shall only be used for burial of cremains.

4. The Town Clerk shall be notified, in writing, by a deceased's representative of any interment or disinterment in or from a cemetery lot prior to such action.

5. The Town reserves the right to determine, establish, modify, alter or change the grade of any vacant lot, road, driveway, pathway or part thereof, and it shall not be liable to anyone for any such action.

6. No lot owner shall make any changes or alterations in or on any lot, including the removal or change in position of any memorial or marker, removal of trees or shrubs without the written consent of the Town Manager.

A) No coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, borders, perennial plantings, shrubs, corner posts, or enclosure of any kind will be allowed around a gravesite. No walks of brick, cinders, tile, stone, sand, cement, gravel or wood or other materials will be allowed on any cemetery lot.

B) No trinkets, toys, shells, glass jars, tin cans, sand, flagpoles, lights or any article determined to be unsightly by the Town Manager shall be allowed on a grave. Any such articles may be removed without notice and the Town will not be responsible for the loss or destruction of the same.

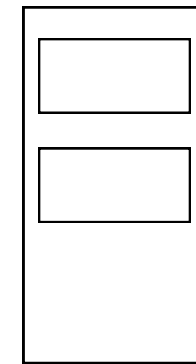
7. Besides being subject to these rules and regulations, all interments, disinterment's and removals are made subject to the orders and laws of the properly constituted authorities of the County and State.

8. Grave markers shall not be in excess of 12 by 24 inches in size and shall be made of permanent material.

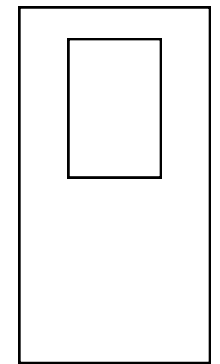
9. Adjoining family graves may share a common marker whose size shall not exceed 12 by 48-inches and shall be made of permanent material.

10. Markers shall be located at the head of the grave, center measured one-foot from each side, readable west to east with long dimension of the marker to be on a North/South axis only. Additional 12 by 24-inch markers, shall be placed parallel to the 24-inch dimension of the head marker; (See diagram)

### PERMITTED MARKER PLACEMENT:



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11. The top of a marker shall be flush and flat with the ground.

12. Grave markers with porcelain or photographs are not permitted.

13. No loitering shall be allowed in the cemetery.