

**Eastern Shore Chapel Cemetery
Rules and Regulations
Revised July 2014**

1. **PURCHASE** – When a gravesite is purchased, it entitles the Licensee to perpetual use of the property, but not an interest in it as real property. From time to time, it may be necessary to allow a neighboring stone or monument to infringe upon another site. Original condition will be restored.
The contract price for a gravesite must be paid in full in what the Cemetery Manager deems to be a timely fashion. Full payment must be made prior to burial or the placement of any monuments.
2. **BURIAL SITES** – All are limited to hold the remains of two individual persons: two cremated remains, two burials, or one burial and one cremated remains. A burial vault/concrete box must be used with all caskets. No more than two Wilbert urn-sized vaults may be used per grave.
3. **RETURNS** – Gravesites may not be resold to a second party in a private transaction. Should a Licensee no longer want the gravesite, it may be repurchased by the Cemetery at the original price minus any cost necessary to return the site to its original condition. If the gravesite was originally given to the Licensee without cost from the ESC Cemetery location at Oceana in the early 1950's, the cemetery shall purchase each for \$100. Any returned site must be clear of all monuments, markers, flowers, mementos, or any other decorations.
4. **CHARGES** – At the time of each burial, charges shall include, but not to be limited to exact measurement of the gravesite for the proper placement of the remains, opening and closing of the grave, and the replacement of fill dirt and reseeding as needed. Should gravestones, ledgers and/or copings be placed in a manner that requires removal in order to accommodate future burials, such expense shall be the responsibility of the Licensee, or the estate of the Licensee. The Cemetery Manager shall provide written notice of needed repairs to the Licensee. After thirty days, the Cemetery Manager may contract for these repairs. The Licensee shall be held responsible for the cost of said repairs. For the interment of cremains, there shall be a charge for the opening and closing of the grave by the cemetery staff. A small surcharge shall be assessed for a weekend or holiday burial. Those other than the Licensee or a relative or friend of the Licensee may be charged for the service of locating a grave site.

- 5. MAINTENANCE** – Eastern Shore Chapel Cemetery shall maintain and preserve all turfs and roads. It is not responsible for the security, maintenance, or preservation of decorations, plantings, flowers, monuments, or markers of any kind. To allow proper maintenance of the grounds, no tree, shrub, object, or any embellishment shall be placed on a burial site without the Cemetery Manager’s written consent. Once emplaced, said object may not be altered or removed without the manager’s consent. No improvement shall extend onto another burial site or a common area. Eastern Shore Chapel Cemetery reserves the right to remove said object or authorize needed repairs at the expense of the Licensee.
- 6. DECORATIONS** – All in-ground PLANTINGS must be approved by in writing and in advance by the Cemetery Manager. Plantings may only be adjacent to the headstone and may not exceed eighteen inches in height. All plantings must be properly maintained by the Licensee. If they are not, the cemetery staff shall make the lot presentable, and the cost shall be collected from the Licensee.

The following EMBELLISHMENTS are prohibited: glass vases, jars, shells, stones, ceramic items, porcelain decorations, knickknacks, balloons, windmills, wind chimes, birdhouses/feeders, excessive statuary, tree hangings, wrought iron, garden flags, metal shepherd’s crooks, non-U.S. flags, and garden banners. Only recognized American Veteran’s Flags with a maximum size of twenty-four inches in length are permitted. Once the flag or holder deteriorates, it will be removed. Raised borders, decorative stones, or landscape blocks used to enclose in-ground plantings are prohibited.

- 7. PETS** – Except for service animals, no PETS, even on a leash, are permitted on cemetery property.
- 8. STONEMWORK** – All stonework including monuments, headstones, ledger stones, footstones, and family markers shall be approved in writing by the Cemetery Manager prior to purchase by the Licensee. Stones placed without written approval are subject to removal.

A. HEADSTONES must not exceed thirty inches in height, thirty inches in width, and a thickness of sixteen inches. The length of the stone must not exceed thirty inches for a single grave site, sixty inches for two adjacent sites, and ninety inches if it serves three adjacent sites.

B. MARKERS & FOOTSTONES shall not exceed thirty inches in height and width and a thickness of sixteen inches. They must be flush with the ground unless they are to match a previously existing marker on the lot.

C. MONUMENTS with a family name engraved may be placed on lots containing a minimum of four gravesites. A lot containing four or five gravesites is limited to a monument of five feet in length. A lot containing six or more gravesites is limited to a monument of six feet in length. All monuments are limited to a height of eighty inches.

D. LEDGERS, COPING STONES & BENCHES will not be allowed on future gravesites.

Only the Licensee or his successor may appeal a Cemetery Manager's decision. Such an appeal shall be directed in writing to the Eastern Shore Chapel Cemetery Committee.