

**ST CHARLES / SACRED HEART
CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

In order to facilitate the proper and respectful use of our St. Charles and Sacred Heart Cemeteries in Westminster, Vermont, the Cemetery Commission has enacted the following Rules and Regulations governing St. Charles and Sacred Heart Cemeteries.

SECTION 1. Lot Purchase

- a. All plots shall be paid for when purchased.
- b. Burials shall not be permitted unless all previous charges have been paid in full including purchase of lot and lot maintenance.
- c. No monument or marker will be allowed until the plot purchased has been paid in full.

SECTION 2. Plot Sizes

Each grave plot size shall be 12' x 40"

SECTION 3. Opening of Lots

No grave shall be opened in the winter between December 1 and April 1 if snow and frost conditions prevent opening. Special arrangements may be made but; will include additional charges as outlined below.

SECTION 4. Plants, Flowers and Shrubs

- a. No shrubs or trees will be allowed. Plants in pots are allowed.
- b. All potted plants and flowers shall be removed when wilted or dead by the lot owners, or they shall be removed by Cemetery Maintenance.
- c. Cemetery Maintenance is not responsible for pots, flowers or other vessels left on any plot. All glass pots or vessels are not allowed and will be immediately removed for public safety.

SECTION 5. Charges with Perpetual Care

a. Per grave lot	\$400.00
b. Opening graves weekdays April 1 to December 1	\$500.00
c. Opening graves weekdays December 1 to April 1 plus any added cost for winter conditions	\$500.00
d. Opening graves weekends and holidays	\$500.00
e. Cremation burials April 1 to December 1	\$150.00
f. Infant graves April 1 to December 1	\$150.00

SECTION 6. Specifications

- a. Monument Foundations: Each monument will have a concrete foundation with a minimum depth of 36". Monuments will be constructed and set following location by a representative of the Cemetery Commission.
- b. Headstones will be constructed and set following location by a representative of the Cemetery Commission.
- c. Vaults: All caskets and urns shall be placed in an approved vault.
- d. Government foot markers set at ground level are not the responsibility of the Cemetery Commission.

SECTION 7. Hours

The cemetery will be open from **7:00 AM or dawn** (whichever is later) until **7:00 PM or dusk** (whichever is earlier). The cemetery will be closed for the winter from December 1st (or the first major snow fall) until April 1st (or after the snow has gone and the roads are useable). Winter burials will be allowed whenever conditions permit. **(Extra cost may be incurred.)**

SECTION 8. Ground Maintenance

All lots will be maintained in the best possible condition, **weather permitting**. Special work requests by a plot owner will be accomplished with appropriate charges being made to the plot owner. **Perpetual Care includes mowing and trimming only.**

SECTION 9. Trespassing

St. Charles Sacred Heart Cemeteries are off limits from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM, or whenever closed. No animals will be allowed in the cemetery out of respect for our dead.

SECTION 10. Vandalism and Penalties

Vandalism and Penalties are incorporated in the **Vermont State Statutes** under **Sub-Chapter 9: Dead Bodies, Cemeteries and Monuments of Title 13 V.S.A. Sections 3761-3767** which are made a part of these Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 11. Amendments

These Regulations may be amended by a majority vote of the Cemetery Commissioners.

SECTION 12. Effective Date of Adoption

These regulations were adopted by the St. Charles Sacred Heart Cemetery Commission and are effective beginning the 1st day of October, 2018.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2018

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Father Maria Lazar

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