

The following regulations are currently under review to be updated – as of 1/2011
* - One Interim change to the following now approves upright monuments. See 8/24/2010 Minutes

**TOWN OF HOOKSETT
Hooksett, New Hampshire**

CEMETERY COMMISSION

REGULATIONS

(Rules and regulations of the Town of Hooksett regarding all cemeteries under its jurisdiction)

All burial lot owners and persons utilizing cemeteries maintained and/or regulated by the Town of Hooksett are subject to the following rules and regulations:

1. The duty of the Town of Hooksett to maintain cemeteries under its jurisdiction is limited to the cutting of grass at reasonable intervals and the raking and cleaning of the grounds within the respective cemeteries.
2. The duty of the Town of Hooksett to maintain burial lots shall in no case mean the maintenance, repair, or replacement of any monuments, or markers, on the cemetery lots, nor the planting of flowers, or any portions thereof in the cemetery, damage to which may have been caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikes, malicious mischief, markers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasion, insurrections, riots, or by the order of any Military or Civil Authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral.
3. On individual lots which are so designated on the cemetery maps maintained by the Cemetery Commission, all monuments are subject to the following restrictions:
 - a. All monuments are to be flush with the ground. (* - see comment in header for interim change)
 - b. Exposed surfaces of such monuments shall not exceed 12 inches in length and 24 inches in width.
 - c. No foundations are permitted under such stones or monuments.
 - d. All monuments must be at the head of the graves unless exceptions are approved by the Cemetery Commission.
4. Original family plots in the old sections of Hooksett cemeteries may have one upright marker, centered on the lot, and individual flat markers as required.
5. That no above ground plantings, including any, but not limited to trees, shrubs, bushes, or flowers are allowed on any burial lots. That in addition, no urns, or other structures, fences, or curbs are allowed on any burial lots. (Effective 12/12/90)
6. Flowers, real or artificial and temporary flower arrangements are permitted, however, they shall be removed within fourteen (14) days after placement on all burial lots. (Effective 12/12/90)
7. No bodies other than family members may be buried in a family plot unless written permission has been obtained from the owner(s) of said family plot. It shall be the responsibility of the Funeral Director or other person in charge of said burial to obtain permission for such burial and to supply to the Hooksett Cemetery Commission written confirmation of the same within fourteen (14) days of the date of burial. (Effective 12/12/90)
8. Transfers of ownership of burial lots must be approved by the Town of Hooksett Cemetery Commission. All requests for transfers shall be in writing and are invalid unless approved by the Town of Hooksett Cemetery Commission. All applications for burial lot deed transfers shall be accompanied by the transfer fee in the amount of \$10.00 (ten) dollars. (Effective 12/12/90)
9. The income from money paid to the Town of Hooksett for a burial lot or as a transfer fee (unless specifically paid for perpetual care of a particular gravesite/burial lot) shall be utilized by the Town of Hooksett for purposes of providing suitable care and general maintenance of the public cemeteries within the Town of Hooksett. Said funds to be expended under the jurisdiction of the Hooksett Cemetery Commission.
10. In the event of a violation of these Rules and Regulations, the Town of Hooksett is authorized to take necessary and appropriate corrective action as it pertains to said violation. Furthermore, the Town of Hooksett is authorized to hold the party or parties responsible for said violation financially accountable for any and all costs, expenses and charges associated therewith. (Effective 12/12/90)

(updated 12/12/1990)