

# Cemetery Commission Regulations

March 25, 2003

- I. Eligibility to apply for a Cemetery Lot:
  - A. Taxpayer of record of a buildable lot.
  - B. Native born Chilmarkers who do not own a buildable lot in Chilmark but who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Services and U. S. Coast Guard or who have been granted by Congress special Veteran's status as a result of wartime service can have a  $\frac{1}{4}$  Lot or  $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot as needed.
  - C. Owners of a Life-Estate in a habitable dwelling can have a  $\frac{1}{4}$  Lot or  $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot as needed.
  - D. Only one member of a Trust may have a lot.
- II. Cemetery lots are sold by consecutive number.
- III. Cremations and casket burials.
  - A. The number of burials permitted on all new and all unused lot has been increased from the number previously allowed. The new limits for casket burials, which are voluntary and require place one casket above another. The space available in a Full Lot formerly used for four caskets can now accommodate eight caskets. The capacity of Half Lots is increased from two caskets to four. Lot owners should specify at the time of purchase or at the time of the first burial whether they expect to use the full capacity of their lot, so that the first casket can be placed at an appropriate depth. Electing the option to place one casket above the other is entirely voluntary, but the lot owner should understand that single level casket burials will limit the capacity to four caskets for a Full Lot and two for a Half Lot. Furthermore, opening a grave and placing one casket above another can only be done with the written consent of a relative or descendent of the decedent occupying the lower casket.
  - B. The number of casket burials on lots where there already is at least one interment shall remain at four per full lot and two per half lot.
  - C. Except in unusual circumstances, casket burials are not permitted on Quarter Lots.
  - D. Cremations are limited to four per Quarter Lot eight per Half Lot and sixteen per Full Lot.
  - E. Burial sites in the "King Lot" measure 4'x4' and are suitable for two cremations and a maximum of two stones.
  - F. Lots are restricted to one per family.
  - G. Cement liners are required for all burials except cremations.
- IV. Stones and Monuments
  - A. All Stones and Monuments are subject to the approval of the Cemetery Commissioners who may authorize the Cemetery Superintendent to approve markers.
  - B. Guidelines for Stones and Markers
    1. Markers on lots should not exceed  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet above ground level, width not to exceed height with the exclusion of a bench, which shall be used as the marker.
    2. All markers shall be chosen at the owners' discretion, subject to the above approval.
    3. Although single monuments on each lot with multiple inscriptions are favored, a maximum of eight vertical stones on a Full Lot, four vertical stones on a Half Lot and two stones on a Quarter Lot will be permitted. Where a single monument is