

RIDGEWAY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL:

The Centerville Cemetery is owned by the Ridgeway Cemetery Association, managed and operated by an elected Board of Directors and assisted by such committees as may be deemed necessary. The following Rules and Regulations are promulgated for the benefit of those who have loved ones buried at the Centerville Cemetery and/or have burial spaces at the cemetery.

1. General Supervision of Cemetery:

A. The Association reserves the right to refuse admission to the Cemetery grounds to anyone other than plot owners and their immediate families and/or friends.

B. The term "Row" or "Lot" or "Plot owner," as used herein, means the location and person in whose name a burial lot is officially recorded in the records of the Association.

2. Records:

A. The location of all lots and graves are shown on a spread- sheet and by a system of recorded measurements from fixed landmarks. Every reasonable precaution shall be taken so that in future years the exact location of any grave in the Cemetery can be definitively established.

3. Lots:

A. Lots are available for immediate and future needs.

B. **Lot size is 4 feet by 10 feet.** If coping is to be used, then coping around said burial plot must be kept within the boundary of the plot and not to exceed ten (10) feet by four (4) feet.

C. Effective August 1, 2003, the cost for each lot for all persons desiring to have a burial lot in the Centerville Cemetery is \$500.00. (This amount is subject to change in the future.) Adults (eighteen years of age and older) may purchase plots and are required to pay upon reserving the plot(s).

D. Placement of a permanent cemetery tombstone or grave marker must be made within six (6) months of the burial. A \$200.00 deposit is required at time of use of the lot. Said deposit is refundable at time permanent marker is placed by the family. In the event a marker is not placed within six (6) months, the Ridgeway Cemetery Association will purchase a marker at the end of

the six (6) months and the \$200.00 will not be refunded. The deposit fee of \$200.00 is subject to change.

E. In the case of any lot/space assigned to an individual under the legal age of 18 years, the ownership of the assigned lot must be reconfirmed upon the individual turning 18 years of age. If said ownership is not reconfirmed, the lot is relinquished. The Association will not refund the purchase price of returned lots. If lot cost was "0" when assigned, lot is not to be transferred at will, without paying for the lot/lots.

F. If ownership of the lot/lots was acquired at no charge from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ridgeway Ward, it **can not be sold**. Ownership of these lots/lot can not be transferred to someone else unless written consent is given by the Board of Directors of the Ridgeway Cemetery Association prior to transfer.

G. All plots reserved will require a \$50.00 grave marking fee at the time the plot is used.

H. At the Ridgeway Cemetery Association meeting held on June 9, 2015, it was decided and voted on by a majority of the Board that any plot that had been given freely without monetary compensation to any member of the Ridgeway Ward between the years 1958 to 2003 (prior to the organization of the Ridgeway Cemetery Association) would revert back to the Ridgeway Cemetery Association if said plot was not used at the time of the assigned named person's death. If said deceased person was buried elsewhere or cremated and the family did not use the assigned plot for the deceased's ashes or to place a monument, then said plot will automatically revert back to the Ridgeway Cemetery Association. The family of the deceased will be advised at that time. At that time, the family of the deceased will not be able to assign the plot to any other person as the said plot had previously been freely given to the assigned person who is now deceased.

4. Interments and Disinterments:

A. All interments, disinterments, and removals are subject to the order and laws of the properly constituted authority of Fairfield County and the State of South Carolina.

B. All interments, disinterments, and removals must be made at the time and in the manner as approved by the Board of Directors.

C. Not more than one body, or the remains of more than one body, shall be interred in one grave/lot, except a mother and an infant or multiple infants in one casket. No grave/lot containing a body will be reopened for an additional interment.

D. No interment of any body, or the cremated remains of any body, other than that of a human being, shall be permitted in the Cemetery.

E. The number of interments or cremated remains shall not be greater than the number of regular interments permitted on a standard sized lot and shall be spaced accordingly.

F. No private mausoleums will be permitted. Neither will any vault or tomb be permitted which expands to the surface of the ground and which would interfere with the sod or natural beauty.

G. The Ridgeway Cemetery Board of Directors require that a metal or concrete vault be used for burials when a casket is placed in the ground.

5. Transfer of Lots:

A. No transfer of a burial lot shall be valid without the consent in writing of the Board of Directors so that the records of the Association may be maintained correctly.

6. Control of Cemetery Work:

A. All grading, landscape work, or other improvements to the Cemetery shall be planned and the work carried out under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

7. Decoration of Plots:

A. The family representative shall remove all floral designs, flowers, weeds, or plants of any kind from the Cemetery as soon as, in the judgment of the Board or designee, they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, or when they do not conform to the standards maintained. The Association will not be liable for lost, stolen, misplaced, or broken flower receptacles, nor shall it be responsible for the damage caused by the elements, thieves, vandals, or any other cause. The Board reserves the right to regulate the method of decorating plots so that a uniform beauty may be maintained.

B. Flower arrangements should be maintained for a certain duration and then removed by the family representative. Arrangements should normally be left at the grave no longer than seven (7) days for fresh flowers. Artificial flowers may remain in place until loss of color. No live plants may be planted into the turf. Live plants are permitted only in above-ground pots and should be removed should they become unattractive.

C. No benches are allowed in the Cemetery except in designated areas due to the difficulty they cause for grounds maintenance.

8. Roadways, Walkways, and Replotting:

A. The right to enlarge, reduce, replot, and or change the boundaries of walks or drive, or any part thereof, is hereby expressly reserved to the Board of Directors.

9. Changes of Address:

A. It shall be the duty of the plot owner or family representative to notify the Association of any change of address. All changes of address should be directed to the Association Secretary at the following address:

Ridgeway Cemetery Association
Post Office Box 133
Blythewood, South Carolina 29016

10. Rules for Depth of Graves and Memorial Work:

- A. The Association reserves the right to regulate the size and quality of all memorials and other construction of any grave or lot in the Centerville Cemetery and to prevent the erection or placement of any obstruction which may conflict with the regulations.
- B. No homemade monuments, memorials, or markers of any kind are allowed in the Cemetery (i.e., wooden crosses, wooden coping, etc.)
- C. All graves shall be sufficiently deep so that the top of the vault shall be no less than eighteen (18) inches below ground level.
- D. Grass or gravel shall be removed before digging of grave in such a manner that grass or gravel can be replaced in such a manner that ground is kept level in said plot for proper maintenance. The family member requesting opening of grave is to pay for cost of any gravel needed.
- E. Foundations for all stone memorials shall be adequate to support the same without sinking.
- F. No memorials, markers, or coping of any kind shall be set without previous notice and approval by the President or the President's designee as to the memorial or marker and as to the time of such installation or setting. This will insure that there is no misunderstanding of the plot sizes and the requirements to remain within them.

11. Conduct of Persons within the Cemetery:

- A. Visitors are reminded that the Cemetery grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment of the dead, and that strict observance of the proprieties due such a place will be required. No impropriety shall be permitted to pass unnoticed.
- B. The President is hereby empowered to enforce all rules and regulations and to exclude from the Cemetery property any person violating same.
- C. Children ages 16 and under should be attended by an adult in the Cemetery, especially in the shelter area. The Association will not be responsible for accidents caused by playing, running, jumping from table, benches, or wall of shelter.
- D. There will be no throwing of garbage or trash upon the grounds of the Cemetery.
- E. No signs, notices, or advertisements of any kind shall be allowed in the Cemetery except those placed by the Association.

F. The Board of Directors shall take action deemed necessary to protect the property of plot owners or that of the Association, preserve peace and good order and to prevent the molesting of anything within the confines of the Cemetery.

G. Any of the above rules and regulations is subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Anyone who has a reserved plot may request changes but changes are only at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

H. No annual or bi-annual meetings will be held. Anyone who has a lot in the Centerville Cemetery can attend any scheduled Board of Directors meeting by notifying a member of the Board of his/her intention to attend.

12. Ridgeway Cemetery Annex:

The land identified by the Fairfield County plat located in Book 1311, Pages 285-286 (immediately adjacent to the Centerville Cemetery) has been acquired by the Ridgeway Cemetery Association and shall be used solely for the purpose of creating and selling new plots for the cemetery. It may not be used for any other purpose, or sold in whole or in part, except as voted unanimously by the Ridgeway Cemetery Association Board of Directors. This land is also subject to all other rules and regulations for the Centerville Cemetery as currently set forth.

Approved this 5th day of August, 2020, by the Board of Directors and ratified by the Ridgeway Cemetery Association on said 5th day of August, 2020.

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