

Abstract from the Diocese of Manchester Cemetery Rules and Regulations (Rules and Regulations)

For the complete set of Rules and Regulations: <https://www.catholicnh.org/parishes/parish-life/catholic-cemeteries/>

- 1) Catholic cemeteries are intended for the interment of Catholics who have the right to Christian burial as well as Catholics who have not been active in the Church, individuals of other Christian faiths, and non-Catholic spouses and family members of Catholics (*Rules and Regulations, Article I: Purpose of Cemeteries*).
- 2) Roman Catholic cemeteries are holy places, sacred grounds consecrated by the Church, a place of prayer and dignity for our faithful departed, and an extension of the Church. Quiet reverence and respect for other people visiting is expected at all times (*Rules and Regulations, Article XIV: Use of Cemetery*). Management/Licensors in its sole discretion, reserves the right to refuse admission to the cemetery or cemetery facilities at any time to any person or persons (*Rules and Regulations, Article II: Admission to Cemetery Properties*).
- 3) Management/Licensors shall have a right to fix/change a charge and time of payment for the Lot License, each interment (including additional inurnments in the same grave), disinterment, removal, lot, crypt, niche transferred/released, and for the performance of any other service rendered by Management/Licensors (*Rules and Regulations, Article XIII: Service Charges*).
- 4) Subject to compliance with the Rules and Regulations, the Lot Holder(s) Right(s)/Licensee Rights are to: (i) be buried in the lot; (ii) designate in writing individuals to be buried in graves; (iii) designate in writing to family members the rights and control of the lot after his/her death (Lot Holder Rights/Licensee Rights); (iv) be part of the disinterment process; and (v) make decisions regarding memorials (monuments/markers etc.). All rights noted above are subject to Management/Licensors approval and written/signed designations must be on file with the cemetery office (*Rules and Regulations, Article IX: Heirship*).
- 5) Management/Licensors will perform care and maintenance to the lot necessitated by natural growth and ordinary wear, including cutting of lawns, trimming around memorials (monuments/markers), and the repair/maintenance of roadways/walkways and buildings, at Management/Licensors's sole and exclusive discretion. Management/Licensors is under no obligation to plow the roads, clear walkways of snow/ice, or remain open in the winter (*Rules and Regulations, Article XXI: Care*).
- 6) Unless approved by Management/Licensors, decorations will not be permitted on any lot and any such articles will be removed. In addition, Management/Licensors shall not be responsible for the damage or loss of any of these items (*Rules and Regulations, Article XIV: Use of Cemetery*).
- 7) Burial vaults are required for full body burials and Management/Licensors reserves the right to require burial vaults for cremated remains. Cremated remains of more than one (1) individual are not to be combined and are not to be separated or scattered within the cemetery (*Rules and Regulations, Article V: Interment/Entombment/Inurnment Procedures*).
- 8) The right to install a memorial (monument/marker) will only be provided/initiated upon full payment of all outstanding fees and/or charges and upon approval of a detailed plan and design. Management/Licensors reserves the right at all times to approve and prescribe the kind, size, design, symbolism, graphic design, craftsmanship, inscriptions, professional abbreviations, number of memorials (monuments/markers) allowed per lot, memorial location, and quality and material of memorials (monuments/markers), (*Rules and Regulations Article XXVI: Memorials and Rules for Memorial Work*).
- 9) Management/Licensors disclaims responsibility for any damage or injury to the memorial (monument/marker), raised lettering, carving, ornaments on any memorial (monument/marker) or other structure, walks, drives, trees, shrubs, or other property on any lots, including damage or injury from vandalism, accidents, the elements, an act of God, or any other event that may cause damage and is under no obligation to make repairs. Unless caused directly by the cemetery, the responsibility for any repair or replacement will always be that of the Lot Holder/Licensee, or spouse of deceased Lot Holder/Licensee, or heir(s) (*Rules and Regulations Article XXVI: Memorials and Rules for Memorial Work*).
- 10) Whenever a grave or lot have remained unused for a period of fifty (50) years, and the Lot Holder/Licensee or the heirs of the original Lot Holder/Licensee have not improved such space or spaces by causing a memorial, monument, marker, gravestone, or other permanent appurtenance to be placed on the burial space, the Management/Licensors may terminate the Lot Holder Rights/Licensee Rights or the rights of his/her heir(s) (*Rules and Regulations, Article VIII: Information on Lot Holders Rights/Licensee Rights and Burial Rights*).