

HILLSIDE CEMETERY OF SAMPTOWN
1400 NEW MARKET AVENUE
C/O

First Baptist Church of South Plainfield

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

HILLSIDE CEMETERY OF SAMPTOWN RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Effective March 8, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield has approved the following rules and regulations governing the administration of the Hillside Cemetery of Samptown:

GENERAL RULES:

- Cemetery hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily.
- All cemetery activities, including but not limited to grave excavation and closing, Interment, Disinterment, memorial foundation construction must be performed by the Cemetery Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent or the cemetery designated agents.
- The purchase of a cemetery grave does not confer ownership of the land, but only a right in the nature of an easement to use the grave for burial of the dead for as long as the property continues to be used as a cemetery as provided by law.
- **ONLY live plants or live flowers are allowed to be planted within 12" of the front side of the monument stone or head of grave and within the grave. Trees or Shrubs are not permitted on any grave or plot. The cemetery management reserves the right to prune or remove any existing planting not in compliance**

PLEASE NOTE: Due to routine cemetery lawn and weed cutting, live plants or flowers may be destroyed and are not the responsibility of the cemetery. All planting of live plants or flowers are the responsibility of the person planting such items.

- **BECAUSE OF SAFETY and ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, NO MANMADE ITEMS OR ADORNMENTS ARE PERMITTED ON OR NEAR ANY GRAVE SITES or in any part of the cemetery.** This includes but is not limited to the following:
 - No plastic or silk flowers.
 - No balloons. No statues or stuffed animals
 - No metal, plastic, wire or wood items.
 - No homemade monuments or statues
 - No above ground vases. In ground, retractable, flush mounted vases are allowed but must be stored in the ground when not in use.
 - No glass ornaments or candles or any glass articles.
 - No benches, fences, stones, wood chips, railings etc. are allowed.

If any of the above items are found at a grave site they will be removed by cemetery personnel.

HILLSIDE CEMETERY OF SAMPTOWN RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued):

- **DUE TO SAFETY AND INSURANCE LIABILITY REASONS**, the placement of crushed stone, stone, gravel, wood chips or shells on graves is prohibited. These materials along with the man-made items listed are destructive to mowing machines and equipment. They can cause serious injury to visitors and workers when they become dangerous projectiles hurled by mower blades. These materials along with the other hazardous or unauthorized materials listed, that would be considered unsafe to the operation of the cemetery, will be removed and discarded without notice and disposed of by cemetery management. This includes plants, bushes and trees, and any of the items listed above.
- **HOLIDAY DECORATIONS:** Christmas grave blankets or wreaths are permitted during the Christmas Holiday and should not exceed the width of the grave. Palm crosses are permitted for Easter. All holiday decorations will be removed by cemetery personnel, if not previously removed by the family. Holiday decorations will be removed approximately 2 weeks after the holiday.
- **A permanent flush mounted or upright headstone / monument is required for all grave sites. The headstone / monument, on top of a cemetery constructed foundation, must be installed within one (1) year of the burial (weather & ground conditions permitting). Temporary markers are not considered permanent headstones / monuments.**
- **The cemetery is not responsible for lost, missing, stolen or damaged temporary markers, damaged headstones / monuments or for cleaning the headstones / monuments. The up keep of the headstone / monument is the responsibility of the family of the deceased.**
- NO pesticide's allowed as defined by N.J. pesticide control code N.J.A.C. title 7 chapter 30, or undated version.
- NO work is to be performed in the cemetery without written permission of the cemetery.
- NO monument foundations will be installed or openings completed until all prior bills are paid in full. 1.75 % finance charge per month will be charged = 21 % annual, on unpaid bills.
- -NO admittance after cemetery is closed.
- NO alcohol or drugs allowed. NO ball or game playing of any kind is allowed
- NO photography or video except under rules of title 3 3:41-7.3, or updated version
- NO spreading or unauthorized burying of cremated remains
- The cemetery is not responsible for any plantings done by others
- Every effort, weather and ground conditions permitting, will be made to put topsoil and seed on the graves once the burial grave stops settling. Graves will be leveled, not mounded. As graves settle, topsoil and seed will be added, as needed, and as determined by the Superintendent of the Cemetery, up to one (1) year after interment.
- Funeral flowers will be removed by the cemetery personnel one (1) week following the interment service. Should members of the family wish to retain any floral arrangements, we respectfully suggest that this be done prior to the interment service.

These rules and regulations may be amended, changed, added to or repealed by the Board of Trustees at any meeting thereof, subject to title 8-A NEW JERSEY CEMETERY ACT, & TITLE 3 NEW JERSEY CEMETERY BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS, or updated versions.

The Board of Trustees of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield has approved these Charges and Rules governing the Hillside Cemetery of Samptown on March 8, 2020.