



Trinity Cemetery of Telford

**222 East Broad Street
Telford, PA 18969**

*Rules and Regulations
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The following rules and regulations have been adopted as a guide for the use and management on the Trinity Cemetery of Telford, hereafter referred to as “the Cemetery.”

These rules and regulations will help protect all who have an interest in the Cemetery. All owners of interment rights, visitors and contractors visiting or performing work on these grounds shall be subjected to said rules and regulations. The Trinity Cemetery of Telford Governing Board, hereafter referred to as “the Board,” shall adopt regulations, amendments or alterations as seen necessary for the wellbeing of the Cemetery.

Definitions

Cemetery is the property located at East Broad Street, Telford, PA 18969 that is designated for the burial of human remains.

Board is a group of people who have the authority to adopt and enforce the rules, regulations and procedures of the Trinity Cemetery of Telford.

Flat Marker is a flat memorial made of a stone product such as granite or a metal product such as bronze.

Indenture is the legal document giving the Owner THESE TWO SPECIFIC RIGHTS ONLY: the right to have human remains buried and the right to have a monument erected on the gravesite for the purpose of identifying the deceased as long as all rules and regulations effective at the time of the action being taken are followed. (i.e. including, but limited to, burials, plaques, headstones, etc.)

Mausoleum is a large and stately tomb holding human remains. One currently exists on the property, however no new mausoleums are allowed.

Monument, headstone, tombstone, grave marker is an upright memorial marker made principally of stone.

Owner(s) is the person or persons to whom the Cemetery has conveyed a burial right or rights or a person or persons who have acquired such rights by transfer in accordance with the rules of this Cemetery or a person or persons who hold such burial right or rights by inheritance. (see "Indenture" above)

Single grave is a grave for one full burial and up to two urns of cremains.

Urn is a container used for cremated remains.

Vault is a cement container that is buried at the gravesite to receive the burial casket.

General Rules and Regulations

1. Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery, prices for burial spaces and services are made by the Board, becoming effective upon approval by said Board.
2. The Board may, and it hereby expressly reserves the right, at any time, with or without notice to lot owners, to adopt new rules and regulations, to amend, alter and/or repeal any rule, regulation and/or article, section or paragraph in these rules and regulations. The most current version is available on our website at <https://trinitycemeterytelford.org/>. Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of the rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The Board retains to itself, for the benefit of all internment owners, full and complete supervision, control and management of the land, buildings, improvements, roads, walks, utilities, development, books and records, retaining complete authority, rights and privileges to make, change, administer and enforce all rules and regulations and restrictions not inconsistent with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Bucks County wherein the Cemetery is located.
3. The Board holds sole responsibility for selecting contractors to perform any work in the Cemetery with the contractors being subject to the control and direction of the agents of the Board, including but not limited to selecting the contractor responsible for the opening and closing the graves.
4. All gravesites in the Cemetery are sold in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Bucks County and shall not be used for any other purpose than as a burial place for the remains of deceased humans.
5. The cost of one grave is \$1,000.00. This fee includes the Cemetery Board's administration activities to prepare the burial site for burial. This price is subject to change.
6. Only whole graves will be sold to owners, not portions of a grave.
7. A grave must be paid in full before a burial can be made. A full purchase price must be paid before an Indenture can be issued.

8. The Cemetery issues an Indenture describing the location and naming the owner or owners of said location. The naming of more than one owner is indicative of joint ownership, in common, with rights of survivorship. The Indenture is the Cemetery's sole form of recognition of ownership. Possession of the Indenture by a person not listed on the Indenture is not in itself evidence of ownership.

9. The owner of interment rights may transfer those rights to another person by will or, should the owner die intestate, such interment rights shall pass according to laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania governing intestacy. Any grave in which there has been no burial may be transferred to a new owner, providing the original Indenture is submitted to the Board by the current owner together with a proper transfer agreement and the payment of a \$25.00 transfer fee. A new Indenture will be issued to the new owner. Should a marker have been placed on the gravesite before the contemplated sale or transfer of the gravesite to another buyer the following must be accomplished: the marker must be removed or repositioned so as not to interfere with the rights of the transferred grave property to the new owner and the cost of moving the marker will be a negotiated effort between both parties.

10. However, such transfers shall not bind the Board unless and until an exemplification of record of it has been presented to the Board and such change has been recorded on the books and records of the Cemetery.

11. The use of one grave space shall be limited to one [1] full burial and up to two [2] additional urn(s) of cremated remains. *Should there be a cremation burial prior to a full burial in the same grave space, a concerted effort will be made to preserve the cremains. However, the Board and any who are part of the above operation approved by the Board will be held harmless for that operation.*

12. Full burials require the installation of an outer cement vault.

13. The scattering of cremated remains anywhere on the Cemetery grounds is prohibited.

14. Grave owners are prohibited from allowing interments to be made on their lots for compensation.

15. All owners are required to notify the Board of any change of address. All required Cemetery notices to be sent to owners shall be sent to the last recorded address.

16. The Board will take all reasonable precautions to protect the owners and their property within the Cemetery from loss, damage or injury but neither the Cemetery nor the Board shall be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury.

17. The Cemetery is open dawn to dusk every day. Those visiting the graves of loved ones during those hours are welcome to do so. Persons on the Cemetery grounds outside those hours will be considered trespassers.

18. The right to use automobiles or any other vehicles in the Cemetery is authorized solely and exclusively for the purpose of transporting persons to visit burial plots and the actual funeral procession. Parking and/or driving on any surface other than the driveways are prohibited for purposes other than those obtained from the Board. All other conveyances, including but not limited to bicycles, skates, skateboards, snowmobiles, horses may not be used on Cemetery property without approval from the Board.

19. Bringing or using alcoholic beverages or drugs on the Cemetery grounds is prohibited.

20. All persons are prohibited from writing upon, defacing or injuring any monument, building, sign, wall, tree, plant or any other object in or belonging to the Cemetery. Also, all visiting persons are prohibited from gathering any plants, either wild or cultivated.

21. All persons are prohibited from discharging firearms or any weapon, except as an official part of a military funeral or memorial service conducted at the Cemetery.

22. All persons are prohibited from pursuing, trapping, hunting and destroying game of any description in and upon the Cemetery grounds.

23. Combustible energy sources buried or above ground are prohibited in the Cemetery.

24. Visitors to the Cemetery grounds are prohibited from making loud or unseemly noise, or otherwise conducting themselves unbecomingly. In addition, no camping or inhabiting of the Cemetery property is permitted.

25. The Board or its agencies shall have the right to enter upon or use any grave lots to carry out their duties as to interments, erection of monuments or markers, etc., without prior notice to other grave owners.

26. No signage of any kind shall be allowed in or on the Cemetery property unless approved by the Board.

27. The Cemetery or Board shall be in no way be liable for any delay in an interment where a protest to interment has been made or where the rules and/or regulations have been violated.

28. Should a court ordered exhumation occur, neither the Cemetery nor the Board shall be held responsible for the costs of opening, removing remains and closing the grave or for the costs associated with receiving back the remains, reopening the grave and a second closing of the grave.

29. No disinterment will be allowed without notifying the grave owner or next of kin, the Board, and proper authorities.

30. Neither the Cemetery nor the Board shall be liable for any container, receptacle, urn, etc., and the cremated remains either before, during the burial process, while buried or in case of disinterment, for whatever reason or condition.

31. All monies arising from the sale of said lots shall be secured in a safe investment at the direction of the Board. A portion of the funds will be used for the perpetual care feature to insure proper maintenance of the Cemetery.

32. The Board shall take reasonable precaution to protect owners and the property rights of the owners, within the Cemetery from injury, loss or damage, but it distinctly disclaims all responsibility for, injury, loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage caused by the elements, wildlife, acts of God, common enemies, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or order of any

32. (cont.) military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.

33. The following information applies to Section A of the Cemetery (Rows 1-9): Full burials were performed in this section prior to requiring a concrete vault. The heavy equipment needed for full burials today are not permitted over existing graves for fear of collapsing an existing burial. Plus the graves are not large enough to accept a concrete vault. Any unused graves in Section A, whether purchased or still for sale, will be limited to interment of cremated remains.

34. Should an owner of an unused grave in Section A of the Cemetery (Rows 1-9) desire to have a full burial performed, said owner will be given the option of trading the owned grave plot from Section A for an available grave plot in another part of the Cemetery that permits full burials. The owner will not incur extra charges for the trade. If the owner or subsequent owner of the newly acquired plot chooses to sell that plot back to the Cemetery, the sale price must be the same as the price paid for the original grave plot traded from Section A. The original graves from Section A that were traded in by the owner will revert back to Cemetery ownership to be sold for cremations only.

35. The Trinity Cemetery of Telford Governing Board respectfully solicits donations and bequests from owners. Such donations or bequests shall be secured in a safe investment, in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Bucks County.

Flower and Decoration Regulations

36. Although containers of cut live flowers and artificial arrangements are permitted on the bases of flat markers and attached to the top of monuments, glass containers of any kind are NOT permitted. Decorations not affixed as above will be removed.

37. Trees, rooted flowers, or shrubs are prohibited on graves or lots.

38. The following are not permitted on gravesites: walls, rails, fence enclosures, mausoleums or above ground crypts. Note: the one present mausoleum was approved prior to the present rules and regulations.

- 39. Food items left at the gravesites are not permitted and will be removed.
- 40. The Board shall have the right to remove all objects whose appearance and condition warrant removal and /or violate the Cemetery rules and regulations. Neither the Cemetery nor the Board will be liable for any flowers or decorations removed or lost due to any cause.
- 41. No decorations of any kind are permitted in the trees or on the buildings.
- 42. Only flags of the United States, United States military organizations and service organizations are permitted and must be placed next to the headstone. The size of each flag must not exceed 12" x by 18". Damaged flags and flags not meeting this requirement will be removed by the Board.
- 43. Devotional lights are prohibited with the exception of solar powered lights. Solar lights must be placed next to the headstone. Damaged lights and non-solar powered lights will be removed by the Board.

Monuments and Flat Markers

44. The Board shall have the authority to reject any memorial that on account of its size, type, design, inscription, or method of construction is unsuitable. The Board reserves the right to remove any marker and other objects that do not comply with the standards of the Cemetery. In addition, the Board will not accept a marker or monument without permission of the grave owner or proper agent or person responsible to represent the rights of the owner.

45. Each grave is 48 inches wide. A monument can cover up to a maximum of three (3) contiguous graves. Monument maximum dimensions are as follows:

- Base width18"
- Base length12" less than the total width of the
grave(s) to be covered
- All monument heights, including base.....48"

46. A flat marker used in lieu of a headstone can be used to cover a maximum of one grave. Maximum flat marker dimensions are not to exceed 36" x 18".

47. No protective glass or breakable material of any kind is allowed in the final creation of the monuments and markers. Additionally, installing tape, video-viewing equipment, etc., in or on the monument or marker is not allowed.

48. A sketch is required defining the dimensions, material and lettering of a planned monument or marker for Board approval. If a photograph is included, the photograph must also be approved by the Board.

49. Monuments and flush to the ground plaques are the property of the owner and not covered for damage by the Cemetery or the Board.

50. Requests for corner markers must be approved by the Board.

51. In the event a memorial is placed where it becomes necessary to temporarily remove it for an interment or disinterment, the Board shall have the right to move such memorial without notice to the grave owner.

52. The Board may, at its own expense, without any liability, correct any error that the Board made in the placing of a foundation.

53. If choosing to add a vase holder the following regulations must be followed:

- It must be made of stone and/or metal
- It cannot exceed a 6" cube.
- It must be placed on either side of the marker, never in front of the marker.
- It must be buried flush to the ground.

54. Any situation not covered by this document must be presented to the Cemetery Board for a decision.