

# ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF CEMETERIES IN THE TOWN OF HALIFAX, NORTH CAROLINA

## Section A: Definitions

Cemetery means a dedicated area of land containing plot locations with demarcated boundaries wherein the remains of people who have died are laid to rest, whether buried or otherwise interred. This definition shall include plots, lots, graves, crypts, columbaria, and niches in which human remains are placed.

Town means the municipality of Halifax, North Carolina, organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina for the government of the people within its jurisdiction, and having the powers conferred by law for the governance over the property within its boundaries.

## Section B: Interment

All graves shall be dug and interments made in accordance with state, county, and municipal statutes, ordinances, and health regulations. Remains must be enclosed in a vault or an urn, without exception. All grave depths shall be at least four feet, and all cremation urn depths shall be at a minimum of two feet. No liners or urns made of wood or other biodegradable material may be used, unless completely enclosed in a sealed urn vault. No human remains may be interred within 300 feet of a human water supply.

Only one body shall be interred in one grave, except a parent and an infant child, an adult and one cremation, two children buried at the same time in one casket, or two cremations in one grave. Scattering of ashes across a grave site or any other location is prohibited. Funeral directors are responsible for remediation of settling of graves for 30 days from date of funeral.

All monuments and above ground burial vaults shall be constructed of Standard Granite, Georgia Marble, Vermont Marble or Standard Bronze. Said monuments and vaults shall be set upon concrete or solid masonry, and shall be constructed with proper workmanship. Only one monument may be constructed on any one lot. The Town shall not be responsible for theft, accident, damage or vandalism to any monument or vault.

### Section C: Maintenance and Care

No lot or grave shall be defined by fence, railing, coping or hedge. Boxes, shells, toys, wire screens, arbors, trellises, chairs, benches, solar lights, or similar objects will not be permitted on any lot or grave. Should any item, floral design, floral piece, flower arrangement, tree or shrub on any lot or grave become unsightly or objectionable for any reason, the Town reserves the right to remove such item, floral design, floral piece, flower arrangement, tree or shrub. The Town shall not be responsible for loss or theft.

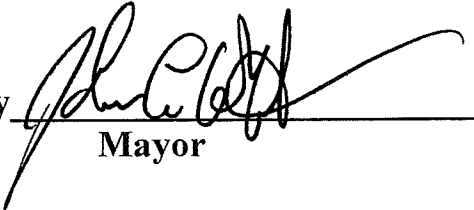
### Section D: Conduct

Cemeteries are sacred places for the preservation of shared history, and are charged with respectfully caring for the remains of deceased loved ones. Therefore, any person disturbing the quiet order of the cemetery or interfering in any way with a lawful and proper funeral service shall be ejected immediately. Children shall be admitted to the cemetery only with adult supervision, who shall be responsible for their conduct. No vehicles shall be allowed on cemetery grounds except for visitation of loved ones and proper funerals, and no recreational activities shall be conducted on said grounds, such as bicycling, skateboarding, go carting, or such like. Injury or vandalism to, or theft of, any flowers or paraphernalia from any grave shall subject the offender to the severest penalties allowed by law. No advertising or any other commercial activity shall be conduct on cemetery grounds.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, by an affirmative vote of the Board.

Ayes 4 Nays       

Town of Halifax

By   
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Mayor

Attest: Conn Wells  
Town Clerk