Forest Hills Cemetery
Monument Regulations for Grave and Lot Owners

The following Rules and Regulations are adopted for the mutual protection and benefit of the lot owners and the Cemetery with a view to keeping Forest Hills Cemetery as beautiful as possible. All lot owners and persons within the Cemetery shall be subject to said Rules and Regulations, and any amendments thereto which shall be adopted from time to time.

Any work to be completed on a new or an existing monument, marker or mausoleum must be submitted through a Forest Hills Cemetery Monument Permit and approved by the Cemetery personnel. Monument Permits can be obtained from the cemetery and must be authorized by the proper lot or grave representative.

A complete description of the stone work shall be placed on each monument permit in the spaces so designated, and include the full name of the deceased.

All foundations for monuments, markers and mausoleums are built by the Cemetery, and billed according to the prevailing prices and must be paid for when billed.

The Cemetery reserves the right to stop all work of any nature, whenever, in its opinion, proper preparation has not been made; or when tools and machinery are insufficient or defective; or when work is being executed in such a manner as to threaten life or property; or when the monument dealer has been guilty of misrepresentation; or when any reasonable request on the part of the Cemetery personnel is disregarded; or when work is not being executed according to specifications; or when any person employed on the work site violates any rules of the Cemetery.

The completed work is subject to the approval of the Cemetery; and if it does not conform to the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery the lot owner will be notified by letter, as well as the monument dealer, requesting removal. If removal is not completed within ten days, the Cemetery will remove same at the expense of the lot owner.

The Cemetery Authority reserves, and shall have the right to correct any errors that may have been made by them, either in approving memorial work which is contrary to the Rules and Regulations or by improper authorization for work to be done.

The Cemetery Authority disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage caused by an act of God, the elements, insurrections, riots, order of any military or civil authority, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief-makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, or any cause similar and beyond the control of the Cemetery Authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral. In the event it becomes necessary to reconstruct or repair any section or lot, including graves or crypts, or any portion or portions thereof in the Cemetery which have been damaged by such causes, the Cemetery Authority shall give a ten-day written notice of the necessity of such repair to the lot holder of record at his or her address stated on the books of the Cemetery Authority. In the event the lot holder fails to repair the damage within a reasonable time, the Cemetery Authority may direct that the repairs be made and to charge the expense against the lot and to the lot holder of the record.

The Cemetery Committee on Memorials may, and it hereby expressly reserves the right, at any time or times, to adopt new Rules and Regulation, or to amend, and/or repeal any rule, regulation and/or article, section, paragraph and/or sentence in these Rules and Regulations.
Monument Allowances

Types of Monuments:
You may choose from three different types of memorial:
   a) a flat or flush marker that is at ground level or,
   b) an upright monument that is composed of two pieces: a “base” and a “die”
      (most common) or,
   c) an upright monument that is a single piece, known as a “monolith”.

Number of Monuments:

  __ One Monument or Marker per single grave is allowed. There will be no dual monumentation on Single graves.

  __ Owners of multiple, consecutive single graves may center a common monument at the head, over the mid point of the graves.

Lot owners have the following options:
One central monument will be allowed on a two-grave lot (with the exception of Veterans’ markers). The central monument may be flat or upright. A lot composed of three or more graves may have one central monument (flat or upright) and additional flat foot markers, if desired.

Material:
Only granite will be allowed; no marble, slate or bronze.
Restrictions:
The following will not be allowed:
- No cemented pictures, ceramics, or porcelains
- No coloring, painting, enameling, lacquering, bronzing or litho-chroming of any letters on any part of the monument
- No pieces or extensions are to be attached to the top or sides of a monument in any material
- No vases are allowed in the cemetery (neither in-ground nor upright)
- No metal or metal composition items are to be cemented to or epoxied to the die or base of any monument
- Each monument or memorial must have the surname of the deceased in English, in addition to any other language desired.

General Specifications and Height Allowances:

Standard Upright Monuments

The die stone must be eight inches (8”) in thickness.
The base of the memorial must be six inches (6”) tall above grade.
On all two-piece monuments, the base shall have a rustic finish up to 6” above ground.
Grave or Lot number must be inscribed on the top right-hand corner of the base.

Standard Flat Markers

Markers will be granite and 6” in thickness. Standard 2’ x 1’ markers will be set by the cemetery and the cemetery shall charge for this setting. On a lot with 3 or more graves, standard flat markers will only be used as a foot marker, except in the case of veterans’ markers.

Government Veteran’s Marker

This is allowable as the only headstone on a single grave, or as a foot marker only in Lots of two or more graves side-by-side that share a common headstone. The standard depth for these is 4”. Only granite markers are accepted, no bronze or marble.

MULTIPLE GRAVES or LOTS

Two graves  3’ long x 1’ wide base, 2’10” overall height
Three graves  4’ long x 1’ wide base, 2’10” overall height
Four graves  5’ long x 1’3” wide base, 2’10” overall height
Monument Size Specifications based on Location:

**Historic Area Graves and Lots**

**SINGLE GRAVES**
- One grave: 2’ long x 1’ wide base, 2’8” min. – height restriction depends on location
- Two graves: 3’ long x 1’ wide base, 2’8” min. – height restriction depends on location

***All historic monument designs are subject to cemetery approval and must conform stylistically to the surrounding monuments***

**Fern Hill Woodland Garden**

**CREMATION GRAVES**

***All markers must be slanted***
- 22” wide x 15” front to back
- 8” height in front, 10” height in back
- Marker to be set 2” below grade
- Steeled Finish- top and side
- Edges “buzzed” or slightly beveled
- Colors allowed: gray, tan or pink granite ONLY

**Section 9- Rest Haven**

**SINGLE GRAVES**
- Flat Marker: 2’ long x 1’ wide, 6” in depth
- Upright: 2’ long x 1’ wide base, overall height 2’8” max above ground
- Two graves: 3’ long x 1’ wide base, overall height 2’8” max above ground

**Section 17- Orchid Terrace**

**TWO GRAVE LOTS**
- Upright: 3’ long x 1’ wide base OR 4’ long x 1’ wide base max
  overall height 2’8” min. to 3’ max.
  Base should be 10” in height, yielding 8” reveal

**Section 46- Garden of Meditation**

**SINGLE GRAVES**
- Upright: 2’ long x 1’ wide base, overall height 2’8” min. to 5’ max.

**MULTIPLE GRAVES or LOTS**
- Two graves: 3’ long x 1’ wide base, overall height 2’8” min. to 5’ max.
- For more than 2 graves see above under General Size and Height Allowances
Section 48- Garden of Devotion

**SINGLE GRAVES**

Upright 2’ long x 1’ wide base, overall height 2’8” min. to 3’ max. above ground

Two graves 3’ long x 1’ wide base, overall height 2’8” min. to 3’ max above ground

*For more than 2 graves see above under General Size and Height Allowances*

*Exceptions to this rule in Section 48:*

**Graves Along Plum Path:** on either side of Plum Path, single graves are sold only in sets of two graves. Monument must follow the guidelines for two graves - 3’ long x 1’ wide base, overall height 2’8” min. to 3’ max above ground.

Section 51- Garden of Enduring Love

**SINGLE GRAVES**

Flat Marker 2’ long x 1’ wide, 6” in depth

Upright 2’ long x 1’ wide base, overall height 2’8” min. to 5’ max

**MULTIPLE GRAVES/LOTS**

Two graves 3’ long x 1’ wide base, overall height 2’8” min. to 5’ max.

*Exceptions to this rule in Section 51:*

**Center of Circle, Lots 10928 A, B, C and 10938 A, B, C:** monument must be a minimum of four feet in length and not to exceed five feet (5’) in length by one foot three inches (1’3”) wide and not to exceed 5’ in height.

**Hillside Lots 11103-11170:** monument must be a minimum of four feet in length and not to exceed five feet (5’) long by one foot three inches (1’3”) wide and not to exceed 5’ in height.

Specifications for all other areas will follow the policies outlined in the full document, “Forest Hills Cemetery: Rules and Regulations for Memorials” (1980) and/or approval by the management staff.

Monument Setters/Dealers should consult the full document.

All questions are to be directed to the Director of Cemetery Operations.

These rules and regulations are subject to change or alteration as needed by the Cemetery.

**Acknowledgement**

I have received a copy of the *Monument Regulations for Grave and Lots at Forest Hills Cemetery*. It has been explained to me, I understand it and accept it as a term of purchase.

Signed________________________________________     Date____________________