



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CEMETERIES OF SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH

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SECTION ONE: PREAMBLE

The cemetery is a sacred space. This is evidenced when we hear these words at a burial, “Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies” (Order of Christian Funerals, 124). We place the bodies of our loved ones who have passed from this life to the next with respect and dignity in this sacred space awaiting the Resurrection. As Catholics, the corporal work of mercy – burying the dead – is taken seriously and with great care and pride.

After Christ’s own Resurrection from the dead, he made the eternal promise to man that he shall himself rise from the dead and be gloriously resurrected just as Christ. Again, we can find evidence of this in the following, “ Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother in the sure and certain hope, that together with all who have died in Christ, he shall rise with him on the last day” (Order of Christian Funerals, 105). It is with this “sure and certain hope” that we place the bodies of our beloved with great dignity in this sacred space.

The rules and regulations that follow have been designed in such a manner as to keep the spirit of this in mind. They have been adopted by the Cemeteries of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish for the mutual protection of the plot owners and the Church itself whose perpetual responsibility is to manage and maintain the Cemetery. They are intended to safeguard the sacredness of the Cemetery, to promote its beauty as a sacred, respectful place, and most importantly to provide the honor that is afforded to those who have placed their beloved in her arms as they await the Resurrection.

The rules and regulations seek to protect the rights and interests of the plot or crypt owners and the other patrons of the cemetery. They have been made in accordance with the Louisiana Cemetery Board Rules and Regulations, the Civil law of the State of Louisiana, Canon Laws of the Church, and recommendations of Catholic Cemetery Association.

These cemetery rules and regulations are binding for the cemeteries of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, namely: the Sacred Heart Church cemetery located at 708 East Main Street in Ville Platte, Louisiana and the Sacred Heart Chapel at Belaire Cove cemetery located at 2003 Belaire Cove Road, Ville Platte, Louisiana. The cemetery authority is the same as Sacred Heart Church. The pastor of said church shall delegate to his appointee the duties of operation of this sacred space. The cemetery office is the same as the parish office.

Cemeteries of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

SECTION TWO: PURPOSE OF THE CEMETERY

1. The Catholic Cemetery is established and operated to provide members of the Catholic Church of Sacred Heart in Ville Platte, Louisiana, with a proper and sacred space for burials of human remains in accordance with the state law and canon law. It is deemed as private property.
2. In all matters pertaining to the cemetery, including but not limited to: sales, burial, maintenance, policies, services, and other operations, these rules and regulations and the current discipline of the Church **shall govern at all times;** any situation not specifically covered or provided for in these Rules and Regulations shall be at the discretion of the Cemetery Authority.
3. Appeals against decisions and policies may be made to the Director of the Cemetery, or the Pastor, who when circumstances warrant, shall and will bring an appeal to his superior for definitive judgment.

SECTION THREE: ADMISSION TO THE CEMETERY

1. The management reserves the right to determine who may enter its cemetery and shall refuse admission and/or the use of its facilities to any person, persons, or contractors that do not follow these regulations.
2. Automobiles and other automotive or heavy equipment may be allowed into the cemetery, but **only with prior approval and permission from the cemetery authority.**

SECTION FOUR: ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS

1. The cemetery authority shall have the right to request that those wishing to select a burial space or to arrange an interment of either remains or cremains, and plan a funeral shall contact the office during operational hours and in ample time to ensure that all arrangements are complete before the service and/or interment
2. The plot owner or his duly authorized representative shall have the right to order the location of each interment in a plot, tomb, or mausoleum if, in the judgment of the cemetery office and/or cemetery authority conditions a permit.

3. The cemetery authority shall certify presentation of a title or written order authorizing the opening of a plot for interment or dis-interment, that all owners or a legally designated representative have acquiesced in the interment of the party or parties to be interred, or disinterred shall be issue an order to do so, providing the contractor has provided all the proper documentation. Also, the cemetery authority shall not be held liable for improper openings or closings and any and all claims arising from such improper work being performed.
4. All orders must be in writing and must have all needed and required legal paperwork accompanying them at the time of their submission. They may either be faxed, hand delivered, or mailed to the cemetery office.
5. The cemetery authority shall be the authorizing agent for the use of temporary holding vaults and shall stipulate the placement and the time frame in which they must be properly buried.
6. Orders given over the phone will not be accepted.

SECTION FIVE: INTERMENT AND REMOVAL PROCEDURE

1. No person or persons shall inter, disinter, or reinter any human remains within the confines and boundaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemeteries without first contacting the Cemetery office – parish office – and completing the necessary forms.
2. **The burial of pets or other animals in the cemetery is expressly prohibited.**
3. All orders for interment, disinterment, and removals are accepted subject to the laws and ordinances of the city, parish, and state, the laws and discipline of Catholic Church, and these rules and regulations.
4. Arrangements for payment of any and all indebtedness due to the cemetery are to be made prior to the interment.
5. No caskets shall be opened within the cemetery by any person without the consent of the cemetery authority.

6. Cemetery authority **shall not** be responsible at any time for the following but **not solely limited to the enumerated list:**
 - a. **Any damage or breakage to the following:**
 - i. **Doors**
 - ii. **Tablets**
 - iii. **Slabs**
 - iv. **Coping**
 - v. **Any part of the tomb**
 - vi. **Vaults**
 - vii. **Mausoleums**
 - viii. **Any floral arrangement**
 - ix. **Any improperly or poorly installed items**
 - b. **Any and all memorials or items handled and/or installed by the owner.**
 - i. **Subsequently, the cemetery will not be held liable for injuries, damages, or any other omissions that may occur due to the installation and/or handling of said item(s) installed by the owner.**
 - c. **Any personal, physical, or property damages caused by poorly maintained or poorly installed items, or by events that are deemed avoidable, etc.**
7. Cemetery authority reserves the right to refuse to make an interment in any tomb, vault, or crypt which in their opinion is not airtight, is unsafe, and/or does not conform to the regulations of the Board of Health.
8. No disinterment or removals shall be allowed except with the permission of the cemetery authority and upon producing an authentic Act of Authorization of the person or persons entitled by law to order the disinterment and/or removal.
9. Cemetery authority shall assume no liability for damage to any casket or burial case incurred in making the disinterment and removal.
10. Cemetery authority shall reserve the right to schedule the hour and the manner in which interments, dis-interments, and removals will be permitted.

SECTION SIX: CORRECTION OF ERRORS

1. The cemetery authority reserves, and shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made by it, either in making interments, disinterment, removals or in the descriptions, transfers or conveyance of any interment rights or plots, either by canceling such conveyance and substituting any conveyance in lieu thereof other interment rights.

SECTION SEVEN: RIGHT OF INTERMENT

1. It is to be understood that the purchaser is purchasing a **single right of interment – is defined as the right to inter one individual casket or urn** –in either the Sacred Heart Church Cemetery or the Belaire Cove Cemetery. This right is by no means an ownership of the land.
2. Subsequent burials, including cremains, shall be charged an additional fee for any other and all other interments in the same or different location. (*see Appendix I for fees*)

SECTION EIGHT: RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PLOT OWNERS

1. The cemetery authority reserves the right to specify any and all terms of purchase of all interment rights and plots, crypts, etc.
2. Owners of plots, graves, tombs, and/or mausoleum crypts shall not engage in speculation. (Louisiana Revised Statute 904 A from Acts 1974, no.417 section 1). Owners of current plots, graves, tombs, and/or mausoleum crypts are requested to sell those said spaces for the amount which they paid for the initial purchase.
3. The use of the plots, crypts, etc. is for human remains only.
4. Plot owners shall inform and provide the cemetery office with the official and proper legal documents for transfers, donations, etc. (*see section nine for more details.*)
5. Failure to comply with cemetery authority policy, failure of payment of fees and/or any and all indebtedness to the cemetery office will result in the dissolution of the contractual agreement and forfeit any and all right to regain monies paid.

6. No monuments, effigy, or structure of any kind shall be erected upon any plot, tomb, coping, or mausoleum, nor shall any inscription be placed on any tomb, coping, or mausoleum **without the prior signed approval of the cemetery office**. Should any such monument, effigy, or structure or inscription be placed on any tomb, coping, mausoleum, or mausoleum crypt without prior approval of the cemetery authority **management shall have, at its discretion, the right to remove that said item and shall bill the offender the removal cost thereof**.
7. The plot shall not be used for any other reason than the proper, sacred interment of human remains. **No trees, shrubs, bushes, etc.** may be planted within the plot or adjacent thereto.
8. If any tree, shrub, bush, etc. is planted on any plot by the owner or his heirs it will be removed by management and the offender shall be charged the removal cost thereof.
9. It is the duty and obligation of the plot owner to ensure that the plot, tomb, mausoleum, etc. is kept in good order and tidy. While the church will maintain the lawn and the structure of the mausoleum, it is the duty and obligation of said individual and his heirs to ensure that the plot, tomb, mausoleum, etc. is properly repaired and cared for. The Church, nor the cemetery authority, will not assume liability for damage caused by improperly repaired or poorly maintained structures.
10. In the event that the cemetery authority deem a plot, tomb, mausoleum, or mausoleum crypts, etc. in need of repair or cleaning it shall first contact the owner, if possible, and request that these be addressed. If however, contact is not possible, the cemetery authority shall reserve the right at the expense of the owner and as a charge against said plot to remove all grass and overgrowth including but not limited to trees, shrubs, etc. from the lot as often as necessary charging the proper rate for said service. In the event of a default in the maintenance to the tombs, mausoleum crypts, plots, etc. management will have the right, at the expense of the owner to repair that has been deemed unsightly, dangerous, dilapidated or any other unsafe or hazardous situation. The cemetery authority shall also reserve the right to deny any and all burials in that said plot, tomb, mausoleum, etc. until all fees for said services have been paid in full.

SECTION NINE: TITLES, TRANSFERS, AND ASSIGNMENTS

1. Only one title shall be issued for each plot, crypt, vault, or burial space.
2. In the case of the intestate death of the plot owner, interment rights descend to his heirs according to the law of descent as defined by the State of Louisiana.
3. Duplicate titles will be issued **only** with proper proof of ownership in the form of a notarized affidavit.
4. Transfer of ownership will be recognized only when a plot owner or his heirs furnish management with a certified copy of Judgment of Possession from judicial succession, notarized Act of Sale, or donation signed by the plot owner or owners.
5. Plot owners must include in the sale documents a signed, notarized affidavit of ownership on all sales of interment rights either in-ground or mausoleum.
6. A fee will be charged for duplicate titles, transfers, assignments, and endorsements according to the fee schedule. (*see Appendix I*)
7. Owners are requested not to sell plots or mausoleum crypts for more than the initial purchase price. This is done in an attempt to ensure that speculation is not taking place.

SECTION TEN: RIGHT TO RE-PLAT & NO EASEMENT GRANTED

1. The cemetery authority reserves the right to re-plat the cemetery as needed. Namely to re-survey, to enlarge, diminish, re-plat, alter in size and/or shape or make needed changes to any part of the cemetery.
2. No easement or right of interment is granted to any plot owner in any road, drive, or walk within the cemetery, but such road, drive, or walk may be used as a means of access to the cemetery and its buildings as long as it has been dedicated by management for said purpose.

SECTION ELEVEN: GRADING AND IMPROVEMENTS

The cemetery authority alone shall have the right to enter into contractual agreements with service providers for the upkeep of the cemetery, the planting and removing of trees, shrubs, flowers, etc. Any changes to the grade of the cemetery will be solely at the discretion and under the direction of the cemetery authority.

SECTION TWELVE: CEMETERY HOURS

1. The cemetery is for those persons who have loved ones buried, or for those wishing to make a pilgrimage to pray for the repose of the souls of those who lay committed there. It is not a public space.
2. The cemetery authority shall have the right to fix the opening and closing hours of the cemetery, the work hours of the cemetery, and its office and building.
3. The visiting hours of the cemetery are as follows:
 - a. Sunday to Sunday: 7 am to sunset
4. The working hours of the cemetery and its office – located in the parish office – are as follows:
 - a. Monday through Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 - b. Fridays and after hours: by appointment only.
5. Those persons found to be in the cemetery after the posted hours may be asked to leave. **Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church, Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church Parish, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church Cemeteries will not be held liable for any injuries, omissions, etc. for any actual or possible claim arising by anyone who was in the cemetery after the posted hours, or deemed to be trespassing.** (Trespassing is defines as: anyone not having someone interred in either an in-ground plot or a mausoleum crypt, or anyone not have express business by either but not limited to the cemetery authority, plot owners, or heirs of said owner.)

SECTION THIRTEEN: CONDUCT OF PERSONS WITHIN THE CEMETERY

1. Persons within the cemetery are reminded that this is a sacred space and are requested to show the respect appropriate to such a space.
2. No loud music, alcoholic beverages, glassware, toys, etc. are permitted in the cemetery.
3. The burials of strangers are prohibited; likewise, the abandonment of cremains in the cemetery or mausoleum is prohibited. (Stranger is defined as: a person or person(s) not owning or having the right of interment or expressed written permission of the plot owners, or lacking the proper paperwork and deeds to cemetery space.)
4. The unlawful or non-religious gathering in the cemetery is prohibited.
5. Firearms, bikes, and skates are not allowed.
6. Animals, if in the cemetery, are to be on a leash and all droppings must be removed.
7. Peddling, loitering, lounging, loud talking, and the sale of refreshments are not allowed.
8. Notices of sale and/or advertisements are not allowed. Should one need to advertise or post a notice of sale, please contact the office.
9. Defacing, removing, damaging, or tampering with tombs, vases, etc. are prohibited.

SECTION FOURTEEN: MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

1. All inscriptions and additions of monuments and memorials **must be approved by the cemetery authority.**
2. Those inscriptions, additions, monuments and memorials not having prior approval **will be removed by the cemetery authority at the owner's expense.**

3. The addition of trinkets, non-religious items, alcoholic emblems, non- approved fraternal insignia, sports memorabilia, or anything deemed offensive, irreverent, or non-religious will be removed.
4. The addition of glass vases, marble vases, crosses, etc. is not allowed. They will be removed from the structure for the sake of safety and uniformity.

SECTION FIFTEEN: GOVERNMENT MARKERS

1. The United States government may furnish markers for graves of veterans. The flat type bronze markers and the granite markers are permitted.
2. It is the responsibility of the family to contact a professional contractor to install these markers. The personal installation of these said markers is not permitted.

SECTION SIXTEEN: CONTRACTORS

1. All contractors must provide the proper documentation prior to work being done in the cemeteries.
2. **All contractors must maintain a \$1 Million general liability policy and provide proof of worker's compensation, and maintain a current certificate of insurance on file in the office** with the proper additional insured and certificate holder information.
3. All work must be completed in a safe and timely manner and is subject to the inspection of the cemetery authority.
4. All paperwork and fees must be presented and fees paid BEFORE any work may commence. Failure to present the proper paperwork, payment of fees, or proper insurance standards **will result in the cemetery authority issuing a cease work order. (see separate contractors form)**

SECTION SEVENTEEN: STEWARDSHIP OF THE CEMETERY

1. The cemetery authority shall reserve the right at any given point and time to assess an annual fee for all plots, crypts, etc. within the boundaries of the cemetery.
 - a. Quarterly collections are taken for the cemetery fund as well as memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Cemeteries. This is done in an attempt to help offset the expense of operating the cemetery.

- b. In lieu of the annual fee of \$500 to be deposited directly into the cemetery and mausoleum endowment may be made.**
2. The annual care and maintenance **fee is due on or before October 1** of any given year.
3. It is incumbent upon the owner of said plots or mausoleum crypts to contact the office and pay the annual fee.

SECTION EIGHTEEN: LOSS OR DAMAGE

1. Tombs, coping, and all other improvement on a site are the property of the owner and his heirs. The cemetery will not assume responsibility for loss or damage to said property by visitors, vandals, or unauthorized parties who enter the cemetery. The management also disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage due to an Act of God, the elements, earthquake, wars, common enemy, air raids, invasions, insurrections, riots, order of any military or civil authority, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, automobiles or any cause similar or dissimilar beyond control of the cemetery authority whether damage or loss be direct or collateral.
2. In the event it becomes necessary to reconstruct or repair any section or plot, including graves, tombs or crypts, or any portion thereof, which has been damaged by such causes, the cemetery authority shall give a thirty (30) day written notice for such repairs to the plot holder of record. The notices shall be mailed. In the event that the plot owner does not comply with the notice or the said notice is returned because of insufficient address, or a reasonable time has elapsed to correct the issue, the Management may assume the right to repair the structure and will not permit any burials to take place until the fees for the repairs have been paid in full.

SECTION NINETEEN: PLOT OWNER INFORMATION

1. It shall be the expressed duty of the plot owner to maintain current information such as, but not limited to: correct spelling of names, correct mailing address, correct telephone number, correct list of heirs and their respective contact information.

2. In the event of change in ownership, it is the express duty of the previous owner and the current owner to provide all the pertinent information to the cemetery office.

SECTION TWENTY: MAUSOLEUM

1. The cemetery authority shall maintain the exterior structure of the Mausoleum. It shall perform routine maintenance on the exterior and interior of the structure as needed.
2. The cemetery authority shall conduct routine inspections of both the interior and exterior of the structure.
3. No one may add, remove, and modify any part of the structure.
4. It is the duty of the crypt owner to maintain his respective mausoleum crypt. It should be kept clean, and all debris or rubbish removed.
5. Any and all inscriptions on the door of the mausoleum crypt must be approved by the office before they may be installed. Failure to do so will result in the removal at the owner's expense.
6. Dead floral arrangements are to be removed in a timely manner.
7. All interments in the Mausoleum shall include a casket tray.
8. No vases, glass or marble, may be placed on the floor.
9. The floor of the mausoleum corridor is to remain free of obstructions. Any item deemed an obstruction by the cemetery authority will be removed.
10. No loitering, gatherings of non-religious nature, or any other type of gathering is permitted in the mausoleum and cemetery.
11. Cremains may be respectfully placed within a crypt of the mausoleum.
12. Trinkets, toys, sports memorabilia, etc. and/or any inscription or item deemed irreverent are not allowed and shall be removed.

13. The cemetery authority shall ensure that the mausoleum is kept clean, in a sound structural state, and safe for those who wish to enter it.
14. The cemetery authority reserves the right to make needed repairs to the structure and clean the structure without the consultation or expressed permission of the crypt owners.
15. Mausoleum interments shall be conducted according to the policies found in appendix II.

SECTION TWENTY-ONE: TOMBS

1. All tombs whether above ground or below ground shall be subject to the rules and regulation of the cemetery authority.
2. The vaults and workmanship of the tombs is to be of superior class and shall meet all standards as set forth by the Board of Health.
3. Upkeep and repairs to the tombs are the responsibility of the owner and his heirs.
4. The cemetery authority reserves the right to make needed repairs and perform maintenance on structures that are deemed unsafe or in need of maintenance once the family has been contacted and a sufficient time for the repairs to be completed has elapsed. If this action takes place, the cemetery authority shall suspend any and all interments in said location until all fees have been paid.
5. All inscriptions must be approved by the cemetery office.
6. Cremains may be respectfully placed within a tomb.
7. Vault burials shall be conducted in accordance with state and canon law and shall in accord with the board of health.

SECTION TWENTY-TWO: CREMAINS

1. Persons who have been cremated and the family has received cremains are allowed to inter the cremains in the Sacred Heart Cemeteries.

2. The cremains must be placed in a respectful urn and properly interred in either a tomb or a mausoleum.
3. **Under no circumstance, may cremains be spread.**

SECTION TWENTY-THREE: INDIGENT BURIALS

1. While space in the cemetery is limited, those indigent persons – after just verification and diligent research to confirm indigence – may be interred in the cemetery.
2. The stipulation of interment at no charge for plot or right of interment fee is contingent upon the proof in indigence.
3. The tomb must be of simple construction and bear a simple marker.

SECTION TWENTY-FOUR: RECLAMATION

1. The cemetery authority shall reserve the right to begin reclamation proceeding in the Sacred Heart Church Cemeteries pursuant to the regulations set forth in Louisiana Revised Statute 8:308 (C).
2. The cemetery authority shall reserve the right to suspend all interments in the said plot once it has been reclaimed until all fees have been paid to the cemetery.

SECTION TWENTY-FIVE: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. A statement by any employee of the cemetery authority shall not be binding upon the cemetery authority except as such statement coincides with the document conveying the right of interment and these Rules and Regulations.
2. These rules and regulations shall hereby apply to any and all plots, memorials; mausoleum, tombs, mausoleum crypts, etc. now in existence or which may hereafter be erected.

3. The cemetery authority shall in no way be liable for any delay in fulfillment of any of its contractual or legal obligations, including but not limited to the maintenance care, burial of the dead, memorial work or construction, which may arise from causes beyond reasonable control including delays caused by the elements, Acts of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikes, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots or order of any military or civil authority.
4. The cemetery authority shall reserve the right, without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions, or modifications in any of these rules and regulations when, in its judgment, the same appear advisable.
5. In all matters not specifically covered by these rules and regulations the cemetery authority reserves the right to do anything which in its judgment is deemed reasonable in the premises, and such determination shall be binding upon the plot owner and all parties concerned.
6. The cemetery authority shall reserve the right to suspend or pause any and all construction work that it may deem inappropriate.
7. The cemetery authority shall reserve the right to limit contractors or name specific contractors to complete work within its cemeteries.
8. The cemetery authority shall reserve the right to dismiss contractors and/or remove contracts from its list of approved contractors for failure to comply with these rules and regulations.
9. Standard adult graves shall measure at least 42 inches in width and 96 inches in length, except for those preinstalled vaults or spaces allocated for cremated remains. (Section 2305, Standards for graves and Required Maps and Plats)
10. In an attempt for uniformity of the cemetery, above ground vaults (tombs) may be either painted white or left unpainted.
11. Above ground vaults (tombs) covered in granite or marble may be of the standard colors available from a contractor. (namely, gray, brown, white or black)

12. The cemetery authority reserves the right to issue cease and desist orders to contractors who have not met the pre-requisites for working in the cemetery or who have been terminated from the parish's list of contractors.
13. The cemetery authority reserves the right to amend, cancel, or revise any and all sections of this rules and regulations book at any time, or when it is deemed necessary by either but not limited to: state, city, parish, or canon laws and/or ordinances. The cemetery authority also reserves the right to make changes to policies, procedures, operation, or any other necessary item(s) at any time.
14. In the event that a vault, tomb, or mausoleum or mausoleum crypt is not prepared for interment because of construction work, the cemetery authority will permit the use of a temporary tomb upon the completion of the necessary paperwork.

APPENDIX I: PRICING

Plots in Belaire Cove Cemetery:		\$200 per plot
Interment rights:	single:	\$250
	double:	\$475
	triple:	\$675
Annual maintenance fee:		\$55
Title, deed, conveyance copies:		\$10 per
Permit fee for service provider:		\$45 per occurrence
Plot fee for additions in Sacred Heart:		\$575

DEFINITIONS *(taken from Louisiana Cemetery Rules and Regulations)*

1. **BOARD:** the Louisiana Cemetery Board
2. **BURIAL:** means the placement of human remains in a grave.
3. **BURIAL VAULT:** a casket container placed in a grave for the purpose of burying human remains.
4. **CARE:** means the maintenance, repair, and care of all places where interments have been or are to be made, including improvements thereon, in keeping with a well maintained cemetery, and general overhead expenses for such purposes. Also may be referred to as: endowed care or perpetual care.
5. **CEMETERY:** a place used or intended to be used for the interment of the human dead.
6. **CEMETERY AUTHORITY:** any person, firm, corporation, trustee, partnership, association, or municipality owning, operating, controlling or managing a cemetery or holding lands within this state for interment purposes.
7. **CEMETERY BUSINESS:** any and all business and purpose requisite to, necessary for, or incident to establishing, maintaining, operating, improving, or conducting a cemetery, interring human remains, and the care, preservation and embellishment of a cemetery. Also referred to as: cemetery purpose
8. **CEMETERY SPACE:** a grave, crypt, niche, tomb, lawn crypt, or any other property used or intended to be used for the interment of human remains.
9. **COLUMBARIUM:** a building or structure, room, or other space in a building or structure containing niches for permanent inurnment of cremated human remains.
10. **CREMATED REMAINS:** human remains after cremation in a crematory. Also referred to as cremains.
11. **CRYPT:** a space in a mausoleum of sufficient size, used or intended to be used, to entomb human remains. Also referred to as a vault.
12. **ENTOMBMENT:** the placement of human remains in a mausoleum.
13. **GRAVE:** a space of ground in a cemetery, used or intended to be used for burial.
14. **HUMAN REMAINS:** the body of a deceased person and includes the body in any stage of decomposition as well as cremated remains.
15. **INTERMENT:** the disposition of human remains by cremation and inurnment, cremation, entombment or burial in place used or intended to be used, and dedicated, for cemetery purpose.
16. **INURNMENT:** the place of cremated remains in an urn or other suitable container and placing it in a: niche, crypt, vault, in a place used or intended to be used, and dedicated, for cemetery purpose.

17. **LOT:** land in a cemetery used or intended to be used for the interment of human remains within a grave, mausoleum, or lawn crypt, or columbarium. Also referred to as plot.
18. **MAUSOLEUM:** a structure or building for the entombment of human remains in a crypt or vault, or a place used or intended to be used and dedicated for cemetery purposes. Also referred to as a tomb.
19. **NICHE:** a space in a columbarium used or intended to be used for inurnment of cremated human remains.
20. **OWNER:** a person to whom the cemetery authority has transferred full title to or the right of use of and/or interment in any cemetery space and who appears as the title holder in the official records of the cemetery.
21. **PERSON:** an individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, or trust or any legal entity.
22. **RELIGIOUS CEMETERY:** a cemetery that is owned, operated, controlled, or managed by a recognized religious society, association, or denomination.
23. **SALE:** means the sale of a full title to any cemetery space or the sale of the right of used of and/or interment in any cemetery space.
24. **TEMPORARY RECEIVING VAULT:** a cemetery space used or intended to be used for temporary placement of human remains.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

I, _____, acknowledge the receipt of the Rules and Regulations of the Cemeteries of Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church. I understand that these rules and regulations have been promulgated to ensure beauty, sacredness, and uniformity in our cemetery. Furthermore, it is my understanding that I am bound to follow these rules and regulations, and that I shall contact the cemetery office with questions, comments, or concerns.

Signature

Printed Name

Date