

Town of Gorham

Rules and Regulations for Cemeteries

Schedule of Rates and Charges

The purpose of these regulations is to establish requirements for the purchase of cemetery lots, interment of deceased, lot site regulations, and maintenance of facilities and grounds for all public cemeteries in the Town of Gorham.

Town Cemeteries

Old Town Cemetery

Evans Cemetery

Mount Hayes Cemetery

Lary Cemetery

The cemetery is open to visitors during dawn to dusk hours. The cemeteries will be closed to vehicle access after the first snowfall each winter. This will remain in effect until April 15. No skateboarding, roller skating, recreational bicycling or any other recreational activities are allowed on cemetery grounds.

Section 1. Price of lots: The price of all lots sold includes perpetual care as follows:

Single Lot (1)	40" X 10'	\$400.00
Triple Lot (3)	10' X 10'	\$1,200.00
Sextuple Lot (6)	10' X 20'	\$2,400.00

Section 2. Perpetual Care: Included with purchase of lot.

Section 3. Interment: Interment services including opening and closing of grave shall be as follows:

Adult.....	\$500.00 from Nov. 1 to April 30,
	\$350.00 from May 1 to Oct. 31
Cremation.....	\$200.00
Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays.....	\$150.00 extra

Late funerals (arrival after 3:00 P.M.) will be an additional charge of \$50.00 per hour until grave is closed.

A single grave may include one body and/or one body and one cremation, or two cremations.

Section 4. Disinterment: Disinterment service including opening and closing shall be as follows:

Adult.....\$400.00 from Nov. 1 to April 30,
\$350.00 from May 1 to Oct. 31
Cremated remain.....\$200.00
Removal of old vault.....\$20.00 extra

Section 5. All other work: All other work will be cost plus 10%. Installment plan may be arranged at discretion of Town Manager.

Section 6. Condition of Sale: Conditions – Limitations and Rights:

Owners of burial lots acquire simply the right and privilege of burial of the dead, subject to the conditions, rules, and regulations now in force, or which may be enacted hereafter. One headstone per lot is allowed centered. Placement of said headstone, corner markers, or foot markers will need to be approved by the Cemetery Sexton before placement.

Section 7. Residency: Lots shall be sold only to residents and former residents of Gorham.

Section 8. Perpetual Care Required: All other hereafter sold in the cemetery shall be provided with perpetual care services. The expense of such is included in the price of the lot at the time of the sale.

Section 9. Purchase of Perpetual Care: Owners of lots sold without perpetual care may secure the benefits of perpetual care by paying to the Trustees of Trust Funds a sum pursuant to the schedule as adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 10. Perpetual Care to Include: Perpetual care shall include watering and mowing of lots and graves, seeding, filling in sunken graves to lot level and other maintenance meaning and intending the general preservation of lots, grounds, walks, roadways, boundaries and structures, to the ends of sold grounds shall remain and be reasonably cared for as cemetery grounds forever.

Section 11. The Town will take reasonable precaution to protect lot owners within the cemetery from loss or damage but it disclaims any and all responsibility for loss

or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control and especially from damage caused by the elements, acts of God or vandals.

Section 12. Work To Be Done By the Town: All cutting and removal of trees and shrubs, all openings and closing of lots and all interments, disinterment and removals shall be made by the Town.

Section 13. Use of the Vault in the Winter: "The Town will open graves for the burial of the dead, as requested during the winter season of the year, ALL additional expenses are to be paid for by the deceased estate." (*Passed at the 1986 Town Meeting*). The cost will be a fixed fee of \$100.00.

Section 14. Disinterment and Removals: No disinterment of a body, once properly interred, shall be made except in accordance with State Law.

Section 15. Endowments for Special Care: Endowments for special care of lots by the Town may be set up with the approval of the Selectmen and Trustee of Trust Funds and they shall determine the charge for such services.

Section 16. Vaults: The Town of Gorham hereafter will require a suitable concrete vault for all burials, plastic is suitable for cremation burials. (*Passed by Selectmen April 30, 1984, revised by Selectmen May 9, 2022*)

Section 17. Repurchase of Unused Cemetery Lots: The Town of Gorham will, as a matter of policy, guarantee to repurchase at the original sale price any lot or lots which are unused or with which the owners are unsatisfied for any reason. (*Passed by Selectmen on March 3, 1984*)

Section 18. Plants: Annual plants are only allowed on graves. No perennial plants, trees, benches, or shrubs of any kind allowed. All plants, plastic, decorative items, or otherwise must be removed by November 1st or the Town of Gorham reserves the right to remove such items.

Section 19. Single Graves/New section of the Evans Cemetery: Size restriction of headstone is 18"H x 24"W. Foot markers will be allowed.

Section 20. Burial Arrangements: All aspects of arrangements for funerals and/or burials must be scheduled through a funeral home director.

Amendments:

The Gorham Board of Selectmen adopted the above Rules and Regulations on June 15, 1981 and were amended in 1984, 1986, 1988, amended and adopted on:


Board of Selectmen First Reading on March 18, 2019; Second Reading on April 8, 2019; Third Reading on April 29, 2019.


Board of Selectmen revised Section 16 and added Section 20 on May 9, 2022.

Adopted:

The Gorham Board of Selectmen:

Date: May 9, 2022


Michael Waddell, Chairman


Judy Leblanc, Selectperson


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