



***RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR  
THE MANAGEMENT OF  
CEMETERIES***

1. The purchaser and his/her successors in ownership will have the exclusive right of burial, subject to the management rules and regulations dictated by Aberdeenshire Council, in accordance with the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982. On payment of the appropriate fee the purchaser will be issued with a lair certificate describing the lair and conferring on the purchaser a right of burial in the ground in question. A copy of the Burial Grounds and Cemeteries Management Rules 2008 will also be issued.
2. Only one person can be registered as the Lair Holder and joint ownership is strictly prohibited. The right of ownership cannot be sold or transferred without the written consent of Aberdeenshire Council (“The Council”).
3. The lair holder has the right of burial for him/herself, their spouse or children or anyone in his/her immediate family. Others may be buried in the lair only at the request of the owner, and with the written consent of Aberdeenshire Council.
4. Notice of a proposed interment must be made to the appropriate office at least 48 hours before the date and time fixed for interment. Save in exceptional circumstances, no interment shall be permitted in Burial Grounds and Cemeteries (a) after 11.30 am on Saturdays (b) on Sundays (c) on 25<sup>th</sup> December and (d) on 1<sup>st</sup> January.
5. A lair shall be sold for up to three standard size coffin interments (no guarantee can be given) and no coffin shall be removed to make room for a new interment.
6. The burial of ashes caskets will be permitted only with the written approval of Aberdeenshire Council. Ashes may only be scattered over approved areas within a cemetery, ashes must not be scattered over the grass surface of a lair.
7. The lair holder shall be entitled to have a memorial erected, but such memorial shall not (a) protrude in any way over that part of the lair to be opened for burial and (b) encroach upon any other lair. Memorials and inscriptions will only be permitted after the submission of a written statement and drawing of the proposed memorial or inscription to the Authorised Officer. Memorials may be erected only at such times as are permitted by The Council. The Council reserve the right to remove any memorials not erected in accordance with the management rules and to recover the cost of doing so from the lair holder.
8. In order to minimise the risk of disturbance or distress to visitors to our burial grounds, the placing of moving, light or sound emitting objects is not permitted anywhere on the lair space. To ensure the safety of visitors, and to assist in the maintenance of the burial ground, railings, kerbs, corner stones, copes or globes or large plants or shrubs are not permitted in the lair space. However, lairholders will be permitted to place small low growing plants or shrubs, vases, or suitable

containers for flowers in the memorial border of the lair (in the area of ground at the head of the lair), such containers must be of sound construction and in good condition.

9. The lair holder will be solely responsible for the upkeep, repair and maintenance of tombstones or similar memorials. In the event of a lair holder failing, the Council shall be entitled, at the lair holders expense, either to repair or remove the memorial. The right of burial within the lair space will be withheld until the costs of removal or repair have been paid.
10. The Council will not be responsible for any claims, damages or injury in connection with any tomb, memorial or other erection.
11. The digging and filling of graves and the restoration and maintenance of the surface will be carried out on the instruction of an Authorised Officer. The excavation of a headstone/tombstone foundation will only be carried out by an authorised contractor. Hewing or dressing of stones is not permitted within cemeteries, except for renovation work

or adding inscriptions to existing memorials.

12. Cemeteries will be open to the public daily during such hours and subject to such restrictions as the Council may fix. Visitors must confine themselves to the walkways wherever possible and must not pull flowers or in any way damage shrubs or trees. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs, except guide dogs accompanying blind persons, are not permitted in the cemeteries.
13. Any difference or dispute arising, regarding the meaning or interpretation of these rules and regulations, will be decided by the Director or other duly authorised officer of the Council. The Council may amend these rules and regulations and make such additional rules as deemed necessary to improve the management of the cemeteries.

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