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Rules and Regulations

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This Is
YOUR Cemetery Plan

The Plan of ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS is to meet the needs of this community by providing a beautiful cemetery of which you can be proud. We realize this task cannot be accomplished overnight and ask your indulgence in this endeavor.

Cemeteries throughout the centuries as a whole have been started with very little thought of the future. This fact is demonstrated by the very condition—physical and financial—of thousands of cemeteries in the United States.

With this thought and experience in mind, ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS is committed to building an endowment trust that can never be changed, together with a Garden Plan cemetery that will always be beautiful and easy to maintain.

The regulations included herewith represent the governing policy of ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS. It will represent a Shrine in your community in memory of those loved ones left in its care. It is planned and endowed to remain a beautiful Shrine for many generations in the future.

The services at ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS are intended in every way to beautify and soften the grief attending an interment. The handling of flowers, the choice of the use of our beautiful Chapel, the removal of earth at the interment site, and the attitude of all employees that meet the family, show our deep concern for their feelings.

After all, the cemetery actually belongs to the families that own property therein. The management is their servant, subject to these Rules and Regulations, and experienced management will plan and protect the care and financing of their Cemetery many years into the future.

The following Rules and Regulations will insure the constant beauty and planning of these beautiful Gardens. We urge you to read this carefully.

Rules and Regulations

PURPOSE

Every deed issued to a lot purchaser in ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS contains a provision that the grantee takes title subject to the rules and regulations then in force and which may be made in the future. These regulations are as binding upon the purchasers as though they were incorporated in the deed.

No rule or regulation has been made or will be made which is not designed to be of benefit to the owners collectively. Experience has shown that the adoption and enforcement of the rules and regulations are necessary to secure uniformity, protect the interest of the owners and to preserve the beauty of the cemetery. All persons are required to obey the rules and regulations and are requested to report any infractions of them on the part of others.

Lot owners are given all the privileges consistent with the general plan.

With this in mind, the founders of ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS will endeavor to build a Garden Plan cemetery, as beautiful and complete as landscape art and technical skill can produce, and embodying the spirit of the quality of all men before their Maker.

GENERAL SUPERVISION OF CEMETERY

SECTION 1. The Cemetery reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone not a lot owner, and to refuse the use of any of the Cemetery facilities to any person, excepting a person acting within the rights of lot owners.

SECTION 2. All funerals upon reaching the Cemetery, shall be under the supervision of the Cemetery management.

SECTION 3. **Casket Not to be Disturbed.** Once a casket containing a body is within the confines of the Cemetery, no one shall be permitted to open the casket or touch the body without the consent of a member of the family of the deceased.

SECTION 4. **Not Responsible For Identity.** The ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS shall not be liable for the interment permit nor for the identity of the person sought to be interred.

INTERMENTS / DISINTERMENTS

SECTION 1. All interments, disinterments, or removals must be made at a time and in a manner approved by the Cemetery and upon payment of such charges as shall be fixed by the Cemetery.

SECTION 2. The right is reserved by the Cemetery to require at least twelve standard working hours notice prior to any interment and at least forty-eight hours notice prior to any disinterment or removal.

SECTION 3. The Cemetery reserves the right to refuse interment, and to refuse to open any burial space for any purpose, except on WRITTEN APPLICATION by a lot owner of record or his /her authorized representative prepared on forms provided by the Cemetery and duly filed in the Cemetery office.

SECTION 4. When instructions received from a lot owner or from his legal representative regarding the location in a lot of an interment space are indefinite, or when for any reason the interment space cannot be opened where specified, the Cemetery may, at its discretion, open such other location in the lot as is deemed best and proper to avoid delaying the interment service; and the Cemetery shall not be liable for payment of damages for such action or for any error that might develop therefrom.

SECTION 5. The Cemetery shall not be held responsible for the execution of any order given by telephone, or for any error occurring from the lack of the receipt of precise and proper

instructions pertaining to the funeral service of interment/disinterment.

SECTION 6. The Cemetery reserves, and shall have, the right to correct without liability for the payment of damages any errors that may be inadvertently made by it, either in making interments, disinterments or removals, or in the description, transfer or conveyance of burial rights, and to substitute and convey in lieu thereof other interment property of similar nature and location insofar as is possible, or as may be selected by the Cemetery, or in the sole discretion of the Cemetery, to refund the amount of money paid on account of its purchase. In the event such error is in respect to the interment of the remains of a deceased person in such property, the Cemetery reserves and shall have the right to remove or transfer such remains so interred to such other property of similar nature and the location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof.

SECTION 7. The Cemetery shall not be liable for the payment of damages for any delay in the interment of the body of a deceased person caused by reason of protest to the interment of such body, or the violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery.

SECTION 8. NO INTERMENT SHALL BE PERMITTED IN ANY LOT UNTIL SUCH IS FULLY PAID FOR, EXCEPT AS MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE SALES AGREEMENT.

SECTION 9. The bodies of two or more persons shall not be interred in one grave unless approved by the Cemetery, and upon payment of additional charges as required.

SECTION 10. The Cemetery provides the use of its own tents, matting, artificial grass or other grave decorations, lowering devices, casket placers, and other equipment desired or necessary in connection with interments. The Cemetery reserves the right to subcontract any of the above burial services.

SECTION 11. In making disinterments the Cemetery will exercise reasonable care but it shall not be liable for the payment of damages in connection with any injury to a casket or burial

case.

SECTION 12. The Cemetery reserves the right to refuse to bury any person who in the sole judgement is not a proper person to be buried in ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS without stating the reason for such refusal, and its decision shall not be subject to question and shall be final.

In case of the owners death, the rights of the surviving wife or husband and next of kin will be recognized in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana insofar as it is able to ascertain who such parties are, but the Cemetery will not be responsible for any error which may be committed due to lack of accurate information.

In the absence of an express direction by the owner of lot or provision contained in a will, the following will be recognized as having the rights to direct interments therein.

(a) The original purchaser may at any time designate whom he/she wishes to have interred in the lot which may be recorded on the books of the Cemetery and which will be recognized by the Cemetery subject to the right of interment upon the part of the surviving spouse;

(b) If no such designation is made, the surviving husband/wife shall have the first right;

(c) Where there is no surviving husband or wife, the heirs of the purchaser may, by agreement in writing, determine who among them shall have the right of interment;

(d) In the event such original purchaser, or his /her heirs, shall not have arranged for future interments, then the direct lineal heirs of such purchaser or his or her spouse shall, in the order of their death, be entitled to interment thereon until the lot shall be filled;

(e) In case there are no lineal heirs, then the nearest of kin to the owner and their respective spouses shall have the right to interment in the order of their need.

The Cemetery recommends that lot owners make mention of their lots in their will and direct who shall receive title thereto or who shall be interred therein.

The Cemetery shall have the right to assume at all times that the lot owner himself and members of his family and their spouses, and the Cemetery will permit the interment of members of his family and their spouses at the request of any interested persons upon ascertainment of eligibility for burial.

When interment is to be made in a lot where the joint owners are living, the Cemetery shall have the right to recognize the order of either owner.

SECTION 13. All graves in ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS shall be opened and closed by the employees of ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS. Grave will not be mounded but will be made level with the surrounding ground.

SECTION 14. No disinterment will be allowed without the consent in writing of the surviving husband or wife or next of kin to the person whose body is to be disinterred or removed, together with the written permit or order from the owner of the lot or his legal representative, or person in control of such lot.

The Cemetery shall under no circumstances be held liable in case of disinterment or removal where it acts upon written order of such person. The Cemetery shall have the right to refuse to permit disinterment while the payments for the Cemetery lot have not been completed or are in default.

SECTION 15. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF ALL LOT OWNERS TO NOTIFY THE CEMETERY MANAGEMENT OF ANY CHANGE OF HIS POST OFFICE ADDRESS. NOTICE SENT TO A LOT OWNER AT THE LAST LEGAL ADDRESS SHALL BE CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT AND PROPER LEGAL NOTIFICATION. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT GUIDELINE TO FOLLOW.

MARKING OF GRAVES AND SITES

SECTION 1. The Cemetery management reserves the right to refuse installation of any memorial or monument except on WRITTEN APPLICATION by a lot owner of record of his or her immediate relatives or record, prepared on forms provided by

the Cemetery and duly filed in the Cemetery Office. Also may at its option refuse to install a memorial or to furnish other grave services on an estate where there are monies owing the Cemetery that are past due according to the established terms, and arrangements for payment are unsatisfactory.

MEMORIALS

SECTION 1. Use of bronze memorials are restricted to the designated sections.

SECTION 2. Only one individual memorial will be permitted on a single grave space. Exception (i.e. veteran's memorial) must be approved by the management at the time of sale of the interment rights.

SECTION 3. No memorial may be set to embrace two or more grave spaces except a companion or a family memorial, nor shall more than one family name be permitted on any memorial.

SECTION 4. Each memorial casting shall be true, free from all weakening defects of any character, and also free from minor defects and imperfections which would be visible from a distance of three feet. All exposed surfaces must be free from sand-like roughness. No plain beveled edges in either polished or dull finish are permitted.

All letters, numerals, ornamentation and insignia must be hand chased, finely buffed and highlighted.

Each memorial shall be cast with integral bosses on the back, in locations specified by the Cemetery management. These bosses shall be drilled and tapped to receive at least 3/8" diameter anchor lugs of brass or bronze.

SECTION 5. The bronze alloy used in the production of bronze memorials must meet the following standards and specifications:

Not less than 87% copper
Not less than 5% tin

Not more than 2 1/2% lead
Not more than 5% zinc
All other elements not to exceed 1%

SECTION 6. The memorial shall be placed at the head of a grave so that it may be read from the direction of the grave.

SECTION 7. All bronze memorials shall be placed on granite bases. The exposed surface of the granite must be polished and true and no part of the memorial shall be more than 1 ¼" above the granite surface. In all instances there must be a minimum of 2 and not more than 3 inches exposed around the memorial.

SECTION 8. Emblems or flag staffs furnished by Veterans or any other organizations shall be placed flush with the ground, the location of which shall be directed by the Cemetery management.

MONUMENTS

SECTION 1. Use of upright monuments are restricted to the designated sections.

SECTION 2. **MONUMENT BASE.** All upright monuments must utilize a base. The minimum height of the base is to be 6 inches and is not to exceed 12 inches. The minimum width of a base is 12 inches. Maximum width allowed is 24 inches.

Each base shall be placed on a precast with a minimum of 2 and not to exceed 3 inches exposed around the base.

SECTION 3. **MONUMENT DIE.** The minimum thickness of a die is 6 inches. The overall height of a monument, measured from the bottom of the base to the highest point of the monument, is not to exceed six feet. If the die of a monument measures in height four times its width or greater, it is required to be installed with dowels.

SECTION 4. **MONUMENT DESIGN.** If any memorial structure, or any inscription to be placed on a memorial, or any

embellishment whatsoever, shall be determined by the Cemetery to be offensive or improper, the Cemetery management reserves and shall have the right to (a) refuse to authorize the placement of such memorial or object; or (b) if already in place, the Cemetery shall have the right to remove, change or correct, at the Owner's expense, any such offensive or improper memorial, object or inscription. There shall be submitted to the Cemetery management for approval, a sketch or other adequate description of each memorial, specifying the material, size, inscription, name of manufacturer, and style number prior to receiving authorization to place any memorial within the Cemetery.

SECTION 5. **VASES.** All vases must be an integral part of the memorial and approved by the Cemetery, or must be attached to an upright monument with no contact with the ground.

GRASSMARKERS

SECTION 1. Use of grassmarkers are restricted to the designated sections.

SECTION 2. Only one individual memorial will be permitted on a single grave space. Exception (i.e. veteran's memorial) must be approved by the management at the time of sale of the interment rights.

SECTION 3. No grassmarker may be set to embrace two or more grave spaces except a companion or a family grassmarker, nor shall more than one family name be permitted on any grassmarker.

FOUNDATIONS

SECTION 1. Foundations for all memorials, monuments and grassmarkers shall be installed by the Cemetery, the price therefor to be paid to the Cemetery before a permit is issued.

SECTION 2. The charges for foundations are based on a square inch price with the minimum charge. These prices can

be obtained on application to the office of the Cemetery.

SECTION 3. Costs for the removal of foundation of memorials, monuments, and grassmarkers at graves vacated shall be estimated and paid with the cost of the removal and of bodies disinterred.

SECTION 4. The supervision of the Superintendent of this Cemetery, as required, is for the protection of the Cemetery and to enforce its rules. But the Cemetery will not be responsible for any defects of any kind in the super-structure, or for any negligence on the part of contractors or their employees.

SECTION 5. All workmen and builders are subject to the control and direction of the Superintendent while on the grounds, and must enter and leave the Cemetery within the working hours of this Cemetery's employees. Any workmen failing to conform to this regulation will not thereafter be permitted to work in the Cemetery.

SECTION 6. All workmen, both those employed by the Cemetery and by outside parties, who may be at work near where an interment is being made, must suspend their labor during the committal services.

ALL WORK TO BE DONE BY THE CEMETERY

SECTION 1. All gardening, landscape work, improvements and all care of plots, planting, trimming, cutting and removing of trees and shrubs, all grave openings and closings, with the exception of vaults, all interments, disinterments and removal shall be done by the Cemetery.

RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS

SECTION 1. The Cemetery shall always have a right of ingress and egress at all times to any part of the property and on the Cemetery for the purpose of laying water lines, drainage, irrigation and all work of construction in the development and maintenance of the Cemetery. Plot owners shall have the right of ingress and egress to reach their plots.

RESPONSIBILITY OF ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS

ABUNDANT LIFE MEMEORIAL GARDENS will take reasonable pre-caution to protect plot owners and the property right of plot owners within the Cemetery from loss or damage, but it distinctly disclaims all responsibility for the loss or damage for causes beyond its reasonable control, for damage caused by the elements and acts of Nature, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or indirect.

MAUSOLEUM RULES AND DECORATIING REGULATIONS

SECTION 1. **Human Remains Only.** All entombment space shall be used for the entombment or deceased human remains only.

SECTION 2. The size of a single crypt is 30" in width, 25" in height, and 88" in length.

SECTION 3. **No Multiple Entombments.** Each crypt shall contain the remains of only one deceased human being.

SECTION 4. **Mausoleum Inscription.** The management reserves the right to place all inscriptions identifying the crypt and niche fronts. Inscriptions shall be of bronze and limited to the name or names, of the deceased. Fraternal, religious and military emblems of the proper size are permitted and are limited to two for each name.

SECTION 5. **Mausoleum Care.** Whenever the term "care" is used in reference to the Mausoleum, it shall be held to mean—the cleaning around the building at reasonable intervals, the lighting,, and keeping the roof and stonework in good repair.

DISPOSITION OF CREMATED REMAINS

The following regulation concerning the scattering of cremated remains within ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of Directors.

1. Before cremated remains can be scattered in ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS, they must first meet all guidelines established by State laws.
2. Ashes may be scattered only in designated areas so designated by the Cemetery management if they are not scattered on one's individual grave space.
3. If cremated remains are to be scattered on another's individual grave space, the consenting owner must give written permission for these acts.
4. If the ashes scattered are the first burial to be made on this individual grave space, then this space cannot be used for future burials once the cremated remains have been scattered.
5. The cremated remains are to be placed no less than 2 inches below the surface of the ground.
6. A reasonable charge will be made for the removal of sod, scattering of the ashes and replacement of the said sod.
7. Scattering of ashes indiscriminately or throwing ashes to the wind is prohibited within ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS. This regulation is established so as not to offend those who do not necessarily accept cremation as a proper method of disposition.

EXCEPTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

SECTION 1. Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The Cemetery therefore reserves the right without notice to make exceptions, substitutions or modifications in any of these rules and regulations when in its judgement the same appear advisable and suspension as affecting the general application of such rule.

SECTION 2. The Cemetery shall be entitled in all cases to rely upon the statement, written or oral, of any person claiming to have knowledge of the facts and claiming to be authorized to act and shall incur no liability whatsoever by reason of any act committed by it or permitted to be done in reliance upon such statement.

SECTION 3. The Cemetery shall incur no liability whatsoever except for its willful acts or malfeasance.

SECTION 4. The Cemetery reserves to itself the right at all times to plat and re-plat unsold plots, remove and change the location of tree, shrubs and other objects, lay out and change location of roads, paths and walks, and to make such other changes or alterations as it deems necessary or advisable and to correct errors in locations and descriptions in contracts, deeds and interments without incurring any obligations to or securing the consent of plot owners.

SECTION 5. These rules and regulations may be changed or modified at any time as occasion may require, without notice by the Cemetery to lot owners.

PLANTINGS AND GRAVE DECORATIONS

SECTION 1. No planting of any kind in any section or part of the Cemetery is permitted.

SECTION 2. Glass containers of all kinds or unsightly cans are prohibited on graves. If placed thereon, they will be immediately removed by the caretaker. Approved metal vases installed by the Cemetery are allowed in the grave space only.

SECTION 3. Flowers, wreaths, and funeral designs will be removed from the graves when in the judgement of the Cemetery management they have become unsightly. Potted plants must not be placed or sunk in the ground. No copings will be permitted around plots or graves.

SECTION 4. The Cemetery management is authorized to remove all plantings made contrary to this rule and to re-seed the grave without notice. A reasonable charge will be made for this service when requested.

SECTION 5. Flags for graves of Veterans and other organizations will be permitted one day before and one day following Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

SECTION 6. Where evergreen or other winter grave decoration is not purchased from the Cemetery, it will be removed in the Spring. Evergreen or other winter grave decorations may be removed whenever in the judgement of the Cemetery management the same have become unsightly or injurious to the lawn.

In the event plants, shrubs, trees, evergreen or other materials are planted or placed on graves or plots contrary to these regulations, they will be removed without notice, at the expense of the plot owner.

SECTION 7. All floral tributes must be displayed in permanently installed vases which are an integral part of a memorial and must be approved by the Cemetery, or must be attached to an upright monument with no contact with the ground, unless placed between November 1 and March 15 or during "Special Holiday Periods."

Artificial flowers are permitted ONLY from November 1 to March 15 and must be displayed as indicated above unless placed on an upright monument with no contact with the ground, in which case they may remain until spring clean-up.

SECTION 8. **Special Holiday Periods.** Potted plants, wreaths, or other special type tributes may be placed on Easter, Memorial Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day and will be left for a period beginning 3 days before the holiday and continuing one week thereafter. Christmas decorations will be permitted from November 1 to January 31.

All tributes not picked up at the end of the allotted time will

be picked up and discarded by the caretakers. The Cemetery will not assume any responsibility for floral tributes during this or any other period. NOTE: Special consideration may be given for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Notification must be given to the Cemetery office.

SECTION 9. **Mausoleum Decorations.** LIVE PLANTS—Living plants or fresh cut flowers are welcomed and permitted at all times and will be left as long as they enhance the beauty of the Mausoleum. NO ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS WILL BE PERMITTED at any time at the Mausoleum. No more than one plant or arrangement will be permitted per entombment at any one time.

SECTION 10. **Spring Clean Up.** March 15 begins spring clean up and all floral tributes are picked up and discarded. ANY TRIBUTE THE FAMILY WANTS TO RETAIN MUST BE PICKED UP PRIOR TO THAT DATE.

THESE GUIDELINES

Are establish to promote a uniform appearance, to be fair to all persons concerned and to make the Mausoleum easy to maintain so that its natural beauty can be appreciated by all who visit.

BRONZE MEMORIALS

There is a provision in these rules and regulations that all memorials be of Bronze and are available from the Cemetery.

WHY?

Bronze has been know throughout the ages as the everlasting metal for memorials—placed level with the lawn it is difficult to damage and will withstand the elements better than other metals.

Purchasing memorials at the Cemetery is a natural thing to do—the Cemetery is responsible for proper installation—

proper appearance and the quality of the material—you would look to the Cemetery management to stand by its products.

Earnings as a result of the sale of memorials must be used by the Cemetery in its costs of maintenance, management and improvements, they cannot accrue to the benefit of any individual.

GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT OF VISITORS WITHIN THE CEMETERY

SECTION 1. The Cemetery will be opened each day at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 2. The right to enter the Cemetery is a privilege, subject to the control of the Cemetery management, and may be limited, refused, or revoked, if deemed necessary for the best interest of the Cemetery.

SECTION 3. Children will not be admitted, unless with their parents or with persons having them specially in charge.

SECTION 4. Visitors are reminded that the grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment and repose of the dead, and that a strict observance of the decorum due to such a place will be required of all. The provisions of the following will be strictly enforced:

(a) Any person who shall mutilate, deface, or otherwise injure any tombstone, monument, vault, vase, enclosure, furniture, ornament, building, or structure of any description, tree, shrub, flower, or who, without permission obtained from ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS shall erect, build, plant, cut, or remove any monument, vault, vase, enclosure, furniture, ornament, tree, plant shrub, building, or other structure, or interfere with any grave in the Cemetery shall be fined.

(b) No person shall enter or leave ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS except through the gates provided by the Cemetery for that purpose.

(c) No person shall climb any tree (without permission of ABUNDANT LIFE MEMORIAL GARDENS) lie down or sit upon any grave, nor participate in any loud or angry discussion, nor use any profane language within the Cemetery. Any person who shall disturb the quiet or good order of the Cemetery by noise or improper conduct will be asked instantly to leave the premises.

(d) No refreshments no liquors of any kind are allowed in the Cemetery. All hunting, disturbance of birds, and the discharge of any firearms, fireworks, or missiles (without special permission of the Cemetery), by the use of gun powder, or other explosives, within, into, or over any portion of the Cemetery is prohibited.

(e) Visitors in the Cemetery are not permitted to gather at a grave where an interment is about to be or is being made, unless friends or acquaintances of the deceased, or of his family. This rule will be strictly enforces.

(f) Schools or other large assemblages of persons will not be admitted (except when attending a funeral) without the permission of the Cemetery management.

(g) The speed limit shall not exceed twenty (20) miles an hour; no mufflers shall be opened and no horn or bell sounded within the Cemetery grounds. Engine must be shut off when car is stopped. No car shall pass a funeral going in the same direction, or when an interment is in progress.

(h) No person with firearms or dogs will be permitted on the Cemetery grounds.

(i) ALL CEMETERY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL SHALL HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO A VISITOR'S CONDUCT.