

TOWN OF NORRIDGEWOCK

CEMETERY ORDINANCE

ADOPTED MARCH 4, 2002

I. Definitions:

Selectmen: The elected Officers of the Town of Norridgewock.

Lot: Plot designed to hold the remains of not more than six adults.

Half Lot: Plot designed to hold the remains of not more than three adults.

Owner: Shall refer to burial rights and title to land.

Burial or Interment: The deposit of the remains of a human being into the ground.

Town: Shall mean the Town of Norridgewock or its duly elected officers or appointed officials including the Cemetery Committee.

Vault: Concrete box large enough to contain the casketed remains of the deceased.

Liner: Approved concrete slabs so constructed and assembled as to prevent sags or hollows in the gravesite. Must meet all laws, rules and regulations.

II. General:

1. No vehicle shall be operated on other than roadways provided, unless authorized by the Town and then at not more than fifteen (15) miles per hour nor in such a manner as to leave ruts.
2. No vehicle known as a motorcycle, snowmobile, motorbike, all-terrain vehicle, dune buggy or any registered or unregistered off-highway motor vehicle shall be operated within the cemetery at any time except as authorized by the Town.
3. All vehicles operated within the cemetery must stop on signal or request of the Town. The registered owner will be deemed to be the operator of such vehicle that fails to stop as required, all operators to identify themselves upon request.
4. The use or possession of firearms, except as part of a military burial is prohibited. Consumption of beer, wine, spirited or other intoxicating beverages is also prohibited.
5. The deposit of any refuse, unsightly flowers, wreaths, or other grave decorations must be made in receptacles provided for such purpose, otherwise such deposits will be considered an act of littering.
6. The owner of any lot is responsible for the removal of any unsightly flowers, wreaths, decorations, etc. from any gravesite. If the owner fails to execute such removal, the Town may do so.
7. Vehicles must not stop so as to block or hinder the passage of other vehicles, except that no auto may pass a grave when a burial ceremony is in progress.
8. No shrubs or trees may be planted within the cemetery except by the

Town.

9. No pets will be permitted within the cemetery.
10. The Town will not be responsible for malicious or vexatious damage to a memorial, monument, decorations, etc., or the theft thereof. The Town shall report such damage or theft to the proper law enforcement authority and to the owner of such property or their survivors if known.
11. No one shall damage, injure, remove or harm any flowers, monument, marker, etc., except at the direction of the Town.
12. Repairs to headstones will be at the expense of the owner of the lot unless otherwise arranged.
13. A copy of this Ordinance shall be issued with each deed.

III. Burial or Interment:

1. All burials or interments shall be made in a steel or concrete or liner.
2. All burials or interments will be made only on human remains, no animal burials will be permitted.
3. Undertakers and/or Funeral Directors shall be responsible for the payment of all burial charges, fees and burial permits.

IV. Perpetual Care Provisions:

The charge for perpetual care is a deposit in trust to be invested by the Inhabitants of the Town of Norridgewock in accordance with law, the interest thereon only, received by the Inhabitants will be expended annually for mowing and otherwise caring for the cemetery lot.

V. Charges:

1. All fees for acquiring grave lots, perpetual care and care of lots by other than perpetual care arrangements shall be established by the Board of Selectmen.
2. Grave lots are sold, bartered or willed as part of an estate.

VI. Adoption and Amendments:

1. This Ordinance shall become effective on passage at a regular Town Meeting.
2. This Ordinance may be amended in accordance with the general provisions of the Town governing all ordinances.
3. Passage of this Ordinance shall supersede any and all other rules and regulations governing cemeteries in the Town of Norridgewock.
4. The invalidity of any portion of this ordinance shall not invalidate any other part.

VII. Penalties for Violations:

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture (fine) not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) may be adjudged. In addition to this forfeiture, any person so

adjudged shall also be liable for the Town's reasonable costs of restoration or repair of any property damage caused by the violation.