



CEMETERY REGULATIONS AND FEE SCHEDULE

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§82-1. Rules and regulations

- A. All graves sold for Somerset Cemeteries shall be in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of New York and shall not be used for any other purpose than as a burial place for deceased human beings. The sale of graves shall be limited to past or present Town of Somerset residents and their spouses or distributees. Full purchase price of graves must be paid before a deed will be issued or a burial permitted in a grave. All graves sold are under the permanent care of the cemetery.
- B. Graves shall be used only by the purchaser or the purchaser's spouse or distributees.
- C. Tree/shrub planting will be controlled and allowed only by permission granted by the Superintendent of Grounds, Town of Somerset.
- D. One crock, vase of flowers, shepherd's hook or wreath per grave is allowed and it must be located immediately next to the headstone. Two eternal flames are allowed and must be located immediately next to each side of the headstone. Crocks, vases and shepherd's hooks may be placed on the graves after May 15th and shall be removed by November 1st of each year. Wreaths may be placed on the graves after November 1st and shall be removed by April 1st. Eternal flames may be left year round. The Town of Somerset reserves the right to remove all items from graves as soon as they become unsightly or according to the schedule above.
- E. Headstones.
 - (1) Only headstones of the flat, bevel, slant or monument types are allowed.
 - (a) The base maximum for a single grave is 14 inches in depth, 36 inches in length and six inches in height.
 - (b) The base maximum for a double and triple grave is 14 inches in depth, 54 inches in length and six inches in height.
 - (c) The base maximum for a quadruple grave is 14 inches in depth, 72 inches in length and six inches in height.
 - (2) The overall height for all headstones and bases combined shall not exceed 34 inches.
 - (3) All foundations shall be constructed under the direction and according to specifications of the Superintendent of Grounds at a charge to the owner.
 - (4) Only one monument shall be permitted on a grave. No monument shall be placed on the grave until the foundation is installed and ready to receive the monument. No monument shall be placed in the center of the grave.
- F. Concrete, steel or fiberglass vaults shall be used.

- G. Burial of cremation ashes shall be done by the Town.
- (1) One regular and one cremains burial will be allowed in one grave.
 - (2) Four cremains burials will be allowed in one grave.
- H. No interment shall be allowed without a permit furnished by the Funeral Director, properly issued by the Registrar of Vital Statistics, on the prescribed form provided by the New York State Department of Health. Payment for burial services shall accompany the burial permit. No prepayment for burial services will be allowed.
- I. Corner posts or markers of a suitable material may be installed by the Town of Somerset at the corners of lots at the sole discretion of the Superintendent of Grounds. A lot is considered a group of four consecutive graves owned by one family. Only the Town of Somerset may install such corner markers and the expense shall be incurred by the grave owner requesting the marker.
- J. The Town Board reserves the right to remove any article found within the grounds of Town cemeteries not permitted in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth herein. In addition, agents and employees of the Town Board shall have the right to enter upon or use any adjoining grave or lot to carry out its responsibilities as to interment or maintenance of the cemetery.
- K. The Town of Somerset assumes no responsibility for monuments, memorials or markers or any other articles of any nature removed from any plot or grave, or for damage or destruction of any such articles.
- L. All burials and disinterments will be done during the normal workday, Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 a.m. and to be completed by 2:30 p.m.
- M. No holiday or weekend burials will be conducted; however, and only in the event that an extremely exigent circumstance exists, the Town will consider such request(s) and weigh the matter accordingly.
- (1) Such request for holiday or weekend burial should be made to the Town and should include the facts and circumstances surrounding the exigent need.
 - (2) The Parks and Recreation Committee shall make a determination and assign any associated fees for service.

§82-2. Fee schedule.

The fees for cemetery services for the sale of graves and interments shall be established periodically by the Town Board by resolution, which fees shall be incorporated herein and made part of. A copy of current fees may be obtained from the Town Clerk.

§82-3. Collection of fees.

The Town Clerk shall be responsible for collecting and turning over to the Town all interment fees and consideration received for the sale of graves.

CEMETERY RATES adopted 5/14/2013 by Somerset Town Board

Graves:	\$300.00 per grave
Grave Opening:	\$350.00 per grave
Cremation Ashes:	\$200 per grave
Headstone Foundation:	\$50.00 per running ½ foot with a minimum of \$200.00
Disinterment Fee:	\$500 per disinterment