

# **Town of Kingfield**

## **Cemetery Ordinance**

### **Hours of Operation.**

All cemeteries operated by the Town of Kingfield shall be open to the public from dawn to dusk every day. Any person found in a cemetery between dusk and dawn may be charged with trespassing.

### **Restricted Activities.**

No dogs or other domestic animals shall be allowed in cemeteries. Picnics, horseplay, sports activities, or any gatherings not in keeping with the purpose and dignity of a cemetery are prohibited.

### **Cost of Burial Plots.**

The cost for one standard gravesite shall be \$500.00 which includes \$200.00 for perpetual care. All proceeds from the sale of sites shall be deposited into the Cemetery Trust Account.

### **Opening and Closing of Graves.**

The Town of Kingfield appoints a sexton each year for the purpose of digging/excavating graves and shall be responsible for restoring and leveling the gravesite.

No sites shall be mounded, except where consistent with existing practice. Diggers/Excavators shall remove all excess material from the site, repair damage to any other plots, and shall repair any settling of the site for one year following any digging/excavation, grave opening or closing.

### **Placement of Headstones, Lot Markers and Corner Markers.**

The location of headstones, lot markers and corner markers shall be approved by the Sexton prior to placement. The sexton shall be contacted at least 48 hours prior to placement of headstones, lot markers or corner markers.

### **Adornment of Gravesites.**

Glass containers are prohibited in order to ensure the safety of the Town's grounds crew, artificial flowers must be placed in containers if at all possible.

The Town reserves the right to remove trees or shrubs planted on a gravesite which become dangerous, or detrimental to the adjacent grounds because of encroachment of

roots or branches. Such trees or shrubs may be removed only after reasonable attempts have been made to contact the lot owner or other responsible party.

No hedges, fencing, walls, curbing, railings, or similar structures or enclosures shall be erected around gravesites following adoption of this ordinance. All summer decorations must be removed by Columbus Day and all winter decorations must be removed prior to mowing season. (April 1<sup>st</sup>)

**Authority for Removal of Items Placed On Gravesites.**

The Town reserves the right to trim or remove any items which are contrary to this ordinance, or which have become unsightly and no longer contribute to the beauty and dignity of the cemetery. The Town is not responsible for any items removed.

**Administration, Enforcement and Appeal.**

This Ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the Administrative Assistant or his/her designee.

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