

The Town of Edenton Rules and Regulations for Operation of the Cemeteries

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1. In order to insure the proper operation of the cemeteries, the cooperation of all lot owners is asked for and will be greatly appreciated by the Town of Edenton.
2. All Owners of interment rights and visitors within the cemeteries, and all plots and rights hereafter sold, are and shall be subject to these rules and regulations, and subject, further to such other rules and regulations, amendments, or alterations, as shall hereafter be adopted by the Town of Edenton from time to time. Reference to the Rules and Regulations in the interment shall have the same force and effect as if set forth in full therein.
3. There shall be a caretaker for the cemeteries for the Town of Edenton, to be appointed by the Town Manager from time to time, to whom shall be introduced the supervision of Beaver Hill and Vine Oak Cemeteries belong to the Town of Edenton. The compensation of such caretaker of cemeteries shall be from time to time fixed and determined by the Town Manager, and said caretaker of cemeteries shall be responsible for sale of lots maintain records of said lots.
4. The Cemetery caretaker shall be provided with a record book in which he will see to it that a correct and complete itemized record of all funds received by him in his official capacity is maintained and kept and he shall also be responsible for the sale of lots, issuance and recording of Deeds, and the enforcement of all rules and regulations regarding the cemetery.
5. The Town of Edenton reserves and shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made by it in the descriptions, transfer, or conveyance of any interment property.
6. Not more than one body or the remains of more than one body shall be interred in one grave or vault without written permission from the Town of Edenton, Proper identification of such interment shall be made on a suitable memorial or marker.
7. All interments, disinterments and removals must be made at the time and in the manner as prescribed by the Town of Edenton.
8. Consent of the legal representatives of the deceased or a relative in charge of the funeral, or a court order, shall be required in order for a casket containing a body to be opened after it is within the cemetery.
9. No interment may be made unless the body is accompanied by a burial permit as provided by law.
10. Besides being subject to these rules and regulations, all interments, disinterments, and removals are made subject to the order and laws of the properly constituted authorities of the Town of Edenton, the County of Chowan, and the State of North Carolina.
11. No transfer or assignment by lot owner of any lot or portion of a lot, or interest therein, shall be valid unless approved by the Town of Edenton, and in no case can this be given as long as there is any indebtedness due on the lot.
12. The Town of Edenton retains control and supervision of all lots that are sold, with the purpose of preventing anything which is objectionable or injurious to a lot, adjoining lots or the cemeteries in general.
13. Upon request of lot owner of his representative, frames, designs, or baskets remaining upon a lot after interment, may be held for five days after an interment, and if not called for in that time may be disposed of by the Town of Edenton without any liability on its part whatever.
14. Metal emblems, markers, flags, and guidons are allowed on lots or graves only immediately preceding and after Memorial Day.
15. The Town of Edenton will not be liable for accident or damage to headstones, vases, monuments, or mausoleums, resulting from the ordinary hazards of cemetery work.

16. Trespassing, theft, noisy, boisterous or other improper conduct, or other violations of rules may result in arrest of the violators.
17. The Town of Edenton reserves the right to enlarge, reduce, replace or change the boundaries or grading of the cemeteries, or the sections of them from time to time as it deems advisable or necessary.
18. Roads and paths shall not be used as thoroughfares or public highways either in vehicles or on foot. There shall be no driving over lots or lawns except by Town of Edenton employees where necessary in the discharge of their duties. Heavy trucking is permitted only in connection with work in the cemeteries. Vehicles shall not be driven in the cemeteries faster than 15 miles per hour.
19. The Town of Edenton shall not be liable for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, including damage caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikes, malicious mischief markers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether damage be direct or collateral.
20. Temporary exceptions, suspensions or modifications in these rules to avoid imposing unnecessary hardships shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of these rules.
21. Foundations for all monuments and markers shall be constructed by approved dealers at the cost of lot owner, from materials specified by the Town of Edenton, but monument foundations shall not be built until after full purchase price of the lot is paid. Monument foundations shall extend 6" outside the edges of the monument at all points and shall be flush with surrounding ground.
22. No coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, grave mounds, borders, shrubbery, trees or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around any lot; and no walks of brick, cinders, tile, stone, marble, terra-cotta, sand, cement, gravel, or wood shall be allowed on any lot.
23. Artificial flowers and wreaths will be permitted on graves only for a period extending 14 days before through 14 days after seasonal holidays or memorials. If they become faded or unattractive they will be removed immediately by the caretakers. Fresh cut flowers will be allowed for a period of seven days, after which will be removed by the caretakers. Only permanent containers attached onto the monument stone will be allowed. All items other than flowers, wreath and flags as outlined above are explicitly prohibited. Such items include, but not limited to; ornaments, statues not attached to a permanent monument stone, solar lights, glass, plastic or wooden objects, commemorative items, benches, chairs, stones, vigil lights, candles, shepherd hooks, bird feeders and similar items. Any item(s) that is prohibited under these policies or has decayed or become worn and detracts, or any item that may pose a danger or safety hazard to our maintenance equipment, workers, visitors or structures, interfere with the overall maintenance of the cemetery will be discarded without warning. Adornments attached to the monument stone are permitted. Annual clean sweep days: February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, November 1st.
24. The names or inscriptions on monuments, vaults, or markers must correspond with the names and records in the City Clerks Office and no changes may be made thereon except upon request of the proper parties and approval of the Town of Edenton.
25. Nothing may be removed from the cemeteries without the permission of the Town of Edenton, this rule being designed to discourage theft and unauthorized entrance upon lots or graves.
26. Perpetual care provided by the Town of Edenton shall be held to mean only the maintenance of roadways and walks, the cutting of grass upon said lots at reasonable intervals and the pruning of shrubs and trees planted by the Town of Edenton and these things only.
If found economically necessary at any time the Town of Edenton may limit perpetual care to that amount that can be done with the income received from the sale of cemetery lots and any investment of other funds.
27. The cemeteries are open to visitors from 7:00 A.M., to sunset from April 1st to October 31st; and from 7:30 A.M., to 5:30 P.M., from November 1st to March 31st.