RULES AND REGULATIONS

PREFACE

The aim of this Association shall be to perpetually maintain a dignified and beautiful repository for the loved ones of all faiths. The Board of Trustees has the responsibility of daily maintenance and long-range planning to insure that David's Cemetery shall fulfill that aim. The Board of Trustees must also take into account the immediate ways and means to forever perpetuate the cemetery as a proper resting place. From experience gained through daily operation of this cemetery, and from observation of other cemeteries, the Board of Trustees must enact rules and regulations to properly maintain the present and future operation of the cemetery. The rules and regulations are designed to give the members the maximum latitude, but also to give continuous thought and concern that the cemetery will remain as a hallowed place. The personnel of David's Cemetery shall always endeavor to respect your concern about your loved ones, but also bear in mind that minimum requirements are necessary to protect the rights of other members of the Association. Your assistance and cooperation in helping keep your cemetery beautiful at all times is requested.

FLORAL/ADORNMENT POLICY

- 1. The cemetery is designed to be as natural as possible, utilizing the topography and climate conditions as the basis for permanent maintenance of the cemetery. The Board of Trustees reserves the right through its personnel to remove any plant, vase, artificial or natural floral design, or any other object detrimental to the general daily maintenance of the cemetery.
- 2. No planting of a permanent nature will be allowed, except as authorized by the Board of Trustees. Natural growth of plantings require special attention by the personnel of the cemetery, to assure conformity with the natural beauty of the cemetery. Some types of shrubbery become unsightly with age, and shall be removed by cemetery personnel when the planting detracts from the beauty of the cemetery, or causes interruption of the use of mechanical equipment. For those natural plantings authorized by the Board of Trustees, a permit fee will be charged for the extra maintenance required.

The areas *north* of the office have shrubs and perennials by some graves that were planted many years ago. If, and when, shrubs and perennials die or become unsightly they will be removed. Replacements or future plantings are not permitted.

The areas **south** of the office are to be maintained as follows:

<u>Flat Marker Areas</u>- *Nothing* may be planted in or around the grave space or the marker. You may place a potted flower <u>on</u> the marker.

Monument Areas- Annuals may be planted in the ground 6" to 8" in front of the monument (nothing on the sides) and the area must be mulched and kept weed free by the person/s responsible for the plantings. Potted flowers are also permitted 6" to 8" in front of the monument (nothing on the sides).

<u>Mausoleums</u>- *Nothing* may be attached to any crypt or niche at any time. Flowers/Arrangements/Adornments may be placed on the tables provided in the mausoleums. These flowers/arrangements/adornments must be

maintained by the families, but will be disposed of when they become unsightly.

<u>Columbarium</u>- Flowers/Arrangements/Adornments of any kind are NOT permitted (per the signed agreement upon purchase). David's Cemetery maintains planters/landscaping in and around the columbarium.

3. Please refrain from using artificial flowers in the ground or in pots during the growing season. Artificial decorations will be permitted only during the winter season from December 1 thru February 28, and will be removed by cemetery personnel during any other time.

The following items are NOT permitted at anytime, anywhere in your cemetery:
Plastic Flowers/Shepherd Hooks/Decorative Flags or Banners
Balloons/Glass Items/Anything Worn, Torn or Broken

It has been our disheartening experience that some members of the public do not respect the sanctity of your cemetery. We strongly urge that NOTHING of sentimental value be brought to the cemetery and we suggest placing names on all pots and saddles placed at the grave sites.

"Housecleaning/Clean-up" occurs twice a year; each spring (the last day in February through March 15th) and the day after Thanksgiving-<u>ALL DECORATIONS WILL BE REMOVED</u>. Christmas decorations (either artificial or natural) are allowed from December 1st to January 31st. In addition, the week after Memorial Day all unsightly and unnatural (plastic, styrofoam, etc...) decorations will be removed.

David's Cemetery will not be responsible for any flower, arrangement or adornment.

David's Cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of any flower, arrangement or adornment which interferes with the appearance or operation of David's Cemetery.

MONUMENTS AND MARKERS

A monument is any memorial that extends above the surface of the ground. A marker is any memorial that is flush with the ground and does not exceed 4" in depth. The cemetery is plotted with some sections or areas restricted to flush markers only. Cemetery personnel will show you, upon request, the recorded plat of the cemetery. Be sure to consult the cemetery personnel as to whether your grave space may have a monument or marker. The Board of Trustees will not grant a variance of memorial selection from the plotted section on file in the cemetery office.

- 4. A single grave space may have an individual monument or marker. In the event a combination of two or more contiguous grave spaces are owned by the same member, a family monument or marker may be placed upon the grave spaces. However, no grave space shall have more than one monument. The Board of Trustees will allow a foot marker to be placed at the foot of an individual grave, in addition to a monument.
- 5. To insure permanent foundations for all markers and monuments, the Board of Trustees has established minimum criteria for methods and materials used in constructing foundations. Foundations installed by cemetery personnel will meet or exceed the minimum criteria. Under extraordinary circumstances, the construction of foundations may be permitted by other than cemetery personnel but will require the approval of the Superintendent of the cemetery as to material and methods used to ascertain that the minimum requirements of the Board of Trustees are being met. The Association shall charge the outside contractor a reasonable fee for location of the site and for approval of the design, method of construction and material used, and continuing inspection during and after construction. The Association reserves the right to remove any foundation, at the owner's expense, if installed by other than authorized personnel, materials, methods, or if improperly located. The Board of Trustees shall require a performance bond of anyone other than cemetery personnel to insure completion of any work performed on cemetery grounds. The Board of Trustees shall also require an indemnity bond for any damage

to cemetery property or monuments or markers of others and for perpetual care of installed monuments and markers.

- 6. The Board of Trustees reserve the right to remove or correct any monument, marker or foundation, or other object of any type from any grave that is beyond repair, or becomes a nuisance to other monuments or markers, or interferes with normal maintenance operation of the cemetery.
- 7. All monuments shall be granite and markers shall either be bronze or granite, unless an existing monument or marker is being duplicated. The Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject designs not in conformity with accepted standards. The Association will not be responsible for maintenance of any urns or vases attached to granite monuments, or bronze markers.
- 8. No monument or marker shall be installed until such time as the selected grave site has been paid for in full.
- 9. No monument, marker or foundation will be installed between May 15th and June 1st of any year, or at any other time the Superintendent shall determine is impractical to the general operation of the cemetery or cause irreparable damage to cemetery grounds.

RESTRICTED MONUMENT PARAMETERS

9a. On two spaces, a double stone's base may not exceed 44" in length, not be taller than 6", and no wider than 18". The die of such monument shall not exceed 32" in length, 6"-10" in width, and be no more than 18" tall.

Single spaces may have a base 36" long and not be taller than 6" and be no wider than 18". The die of such monument shall not exceed 32" in length, 6"-10" in width, and 18" in height.

BURIAL RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

- 10. The Association shall issue a certificate of burial, interment, entombment or inurnment rights, granting to the named party only those rights granted therein. All other rights to the land, mausoleums and columbariums are retained by the Association.
- 11. Transfer of certificate of burial, interment, entombment or inurnment rights, or a past issued deed, shall be made only to a family member of the named party or to the Association. No transfer of any certificates or deeds shall be valid without the consent of the Association. A transfer to a family member or resale to the Association shall be made at the original purchase price, less any expenses incurred.

BURIALS AND DISINTERMENTS

- 12. Burials, interments, entombments and inurnments shall be restricted to human remains.
- 13. Funerals must be within the cemetery grounds after 8:00 a.m. and before 2:59 p.m. on weekdays, unless prior approval of a different time is obtained from the Superintendent. Saturday, Sunday or holiday burials require approval of the Superintendent. Every funeral occurring on Saturday, Sunday or holidays or after 2:59 p.m. weekdays will require cemetery personnel to be on duty after normal work hours, and the Board of Trustees has established an additional charge for such service beyond normal working hours. The cemetery office can advise you of additional

charge upon request.

- 14. Any opening and closing of a grave, cremation niche or mausoleum vault requires an additional charge, which must be paid in full before the service is performed.
- 15. No burial shall be made without a proper vault. The Board of Trustees reserve the right to determine and approve appropriate vaults and caskets.

Disinterments shall be according to the Ohio Revised Code and shall be done at the expense of the owner, and performed only by cemetery personnel. An additional charge established by the Board of Trustees shall be imposed for this service.

PERPETUAL CARE

17. David's Cemetery intends to remain a beautiful and dignified repository for your loved ones. Ohio law requires 10% of the sale price of grave sites, mausoleums vault or cremation niches to be assigned to a perpetual care fund, for the maintenance of the cemetery in the years to come. The Board of Trustees established a perpetual care fund preceding the enactment of the state law. This fund created by the Board of Trustees exceeds state requirements and should provide proper and adequate maintenance of the cemetery in the future.

MAUSOLEUMS

- 18. David's Cemetery Mausoleums will be open to the general public 7:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. daily. For owners of mausoleum crypts and niches, special rules and regulations for maintenance and operation of the mausoleums are available at the cemetery office. Cemetery personnel will cooperate with owners to secure maximum benefit of the advantages of the mausoleum.
- 19. Natural decorations will be permitted only in a designated area within the mausoleum, which will be removed upon natural deterioration. No decorations, either inside or outside, shall be permitted on the cremation niche or mausoleum crypts.
- 20. Approved urns in cremation niches are required. The Board of Trustees has created policies concerning the number and size of cremation urns in each cremation niche, which information can be obtained at the cemetery office.
- 21. The Board of Trustees retains the right to determine the type and amount of lettering and placement on cremation niches and mausoleum vaults.
- 22. All remains in the mausoleum crypts must be embalmed.

COLUMBARIUMS

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- 24. The Board of Trustees retains the right to determine the type and amount of lettering and placement on cremation niches.
- 25. Columbariums do not allow or have provisions for flowers or decorations of any kind, at any time.

CHAPEL

The chapel comfortably seats seventy (70) people.

- 1. David's Cemetery allows the occupant to use the Chapel with the understanding that they will exercise all due diligence in managing the behavior of the members of its gathering, knowing the standard service fee is based on normal wear and tear of the facility and is responsible for any damage beyond normal wear and tear.
- 2. The Security Deposit paid at booking, will be refunded within (14) days after the service date. The deposit will be refunded in full if the Chapel is left in the same or better condition than when it was accepted. A partial refund will be issued if there has been damage, theft, or failure to properly clean up the Chapel.
- 3. No food or drink is permitted in the Chapel at any time.
- 4. There shall be no attachments of any kind to the walls, lights, fixtures or any part of the room or items therein.
- 5. No candles, burning of incense or open flames of any kind.
- 6. Easels may be provided upon request.

Parking is limited.

For more information, contact our office during regular business hours.

GATHERING ROOM

The Gathering Room comfortably seats sixty (60) people with eight tables/tablecloths. Payment is expected at the time of booking. This includes Room Use, Security Deposit, and Services provided by David's Cemetery.

- 1. David's allows the occupant to use the room with the understanding that they will exercise all due diligence in managing the behavior of the members of its gathering, knowing the standard service fee is based on normal wear and tear of the facility and is responsible for any damage beyond normal wear and tear.
- 2. The Security Deposit paid at booking, will be refunded within (14) days after the service date. The deposit will be refunded in full if the room is left in the same or better condition than when it was accepted. A partial refund will be issued if there has been damage, theft, or failure to properly clean up the room.
- 3. No alcohol or red beverages are permitted, nor shall any be consumed on the premises or anywhere else on the grounds of David's Cemetery.
- 4. No candles, burning of incense or open flames of any kind.
- 5. There shall be no attachments of any kind to the walls, lights, fixtures or any part of the room or items therein.
- 6. David's Cemetery shall provide no catering for the event.

<u>Please use side door for all catering/carry-in.</u>
<u>Never bring items through chapel.</u>

NO FOOD OR DRINK OUTSIDE OF GATHERING ROOM

ONLY COFFEE MAKERS ARE PROVIDED-No Supplies

GENERAL

- •The Association or cemetery personnel shall have the right to evict from cemetery grounds any individual acting in a manner detrimental to the best interest of the Cemetery.
 - •Cemetery personnel may request anyone for assistance and cooperation to prevent possible temporary interference with a burial or other cemetery operations.
- •The Board of Trustees would appreciate any suggestions as to improvements in the operation of the cemetery.

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