
MOUNT ARARAT CEMETERY

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Monument Rules & Regulations

1. The Monument Rules and Regulations pertaining to all types of monuments shall be deemed a part of the General Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery. All grave and lot owners, monument dealers, sandblasters, etc., are urged to refer to the General Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery and Monument Rules and Regulations before entering any contract or agreement relative to it. All work must be completed in strict conformity with said Rules and Regulations. The interpretation of the meaning or intention of these rules and Regulations by the Cemetery authorities shall be final and binding.
2. No orders will be accepted for the construction of foundations in any grave or plot against which there shall be any unpaid charges due to the Cemetery. All work ordered to be done by the Cemetery, for which it may impose a payment, must be paid in advance.
3. Before commencing any work, the monument contractor shall first submit to the Cemetery for approval a drawing on their letterhead indicating the following:
 - a) Location of grave.
 - b) Type of work to be done.
 - c) A sketch of the monument to be erected and inscription thereon indicating the deceased lot owner's name.
 - d) Width, thickness, and height of base.
 - e) Width, thickness, and height of die.
 - f) Type, finish, and color of base and die.
 - g) All footstones must be 2' x 1' x 4", flush to the ground. In Baby Sections, 15"x 8" x 4" thick.
 - h) Name and address of purchaser.
4. A permit signed by the grave or plot owner and/or the lawfully required heirs or person who had possession of the body at the time of the interment must accompany each order. The aforesaid permit must specify the name of the deceased, section, plot, row, and grave number.
5. The Cemetery will process a foundation order only after receiving full payment. The Cemetery will reject any work that does not meet its Rules and Regulations or differs from the dimensions and descriptions given in the sketch. Monument dealers should not proceed with making the monument until they receive written notice that the monument has been approved.
6. Any changes must be submitted to the Cemetery in writing and approved by the Cemetery before the work can be delivered.
7. Any monument where the inscription does not match the diagram approved by the Cemetery will not be permitted to be erected on the gravesite.
8. The Cemetery shall perform all foundation work and related work under the supervision of management.
9. The Cemetery reserves the right to prevent the erection of any monument or structure which may be considered detrimental to the appearance or safety of the Cemetery.
10. Monument dealers must sell only first-grade clean stone for monument purposes and guarantee the purchaser that such stone is free from sap or anything that will cause rust stains and will not

crack, pit, stain, or discolor. The work shall be delivered clean, well-cut, and free of any marks or stains.

11. All work shall be produced first-class skillfully and must be free from drill works or tool marks. All stone work must have the surface next to the foundation bedded off sufficiently true and even to allow all parts to be in contact with the foundation.
12. All foundations must be ordered to the full size of the monument. Any monument where the material and dimensions of which are different from that shown on the sketch will be rejected.
13. Monuments in a shape detrimental to the appearance of the Cemetery are forbidden.
14. Pictures, photographs, statuary (including vases and candles/candle receptacles), bronze plaques or any description, or like items, are forbidden, and monuments with holes for any items will be rejected.
15. No raised ornamentation or letters are permitted on any monumental surface.
16. In every case where the monument is more than one piece, all pieces must be of the same origin, quality, and color. These rules will be strictly enforced.
17. Foundation work will be finished true and level by the Cemetery two (2") inches below grade at the lowest point and six (6') feet deep. Notice will be mailed when the foundation is completed, and no monument will be permitted to be set until such mailing. No monuments may be set until the foundation has been poured.
18. Monument work must be Select Certified Barre Granite or white granite equal in quality and durability.
19. Red, Pink, and Mahogany granite is permitted subject to the Cemetery's prior approval of the quarry.
20. Black, Blue, Brown, and Green granite, Limestone, cement, epoxy, marble or artificial stone, urns, balls, or arches will not be permitted. Second-hand material will be rejected.
21. All lettering and designs must be sandblasted "V" sunken. Any carved designs will require special Cemetery and family authorizations.
22. Logos, silhouettes, or any design determined to be inappropriate by the Cemetery will not be permitted.
23. All visible surfaces must be axed, steeled, or polished, including the back of the base.
24. All footstones and monument bases must have a level bottom.
25. All refuse, boxes, rubbish, or surplus material must be immediately removed.
26. No work shall be performed on Saturday, Sunday, or any Jewish or Legal holiday, nor during cold or inclement weather, the same to be determined at the sole and absolute discretion of the Management of the Cemetery. The cemetery gates will be open for inscription and erection of monument work from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Trucks will not be admitted after 3:00 P.M. All work must stop at 3:30 P.M.

- 27.** Before setting a monument, Monument setters must first stop at the Cemetery office and notify the office of the monument or monuments to be set. No monument may be set until the Cemetery Superintendent has inspected it and designated the specific grave or plot where it should be set.
- 28.** Sandblasting contractors entering the Cemetery grounds shall extend their compressor hose to the gravesite without placing the hose or portable unit on graves or monuments. The hose shall be placed orderly, either on the sidewalk or in the pathways. Before the monument is lettered, the area must be adequately protected from any material used or caused by sandblasting. Upon completion, the area must be restored to its prior condition. The Cemetery reserves the right to charge any sandblaster for the cost of restoring damage to shrubs or grass that occurred during sandblasting operations.
- 29.** No dyes, stains, paints, lacquer, or coloring will be permitted on the surface of any monument or footstone.
- 30.** Government markers, supplied by the Federal Government for veterans, will be permitted to be sent directly to the Cemetery for setting and must meet the following standards in addition to all other applicable Rules and Regulations contained herein:
 - a. Order for the foundation must be processed through the Cemetery before the arrival of the monument at the cemetery.
 - b. Size of the marker must be 2'0" wide, 1'0" thick, and 4" high.
 - c. Marker must be granite.
- 31.** The grade of all plots will be determined by the Cemetery, and the contractors shall be governed thereby.
- 32.** One upright family monument will be allowed centered on the headline of a plot of two or more graves bearing the family name(s).
- 33.** Only flush markers are allowed in the Memorial Gardens areas of the Cemetery.
- 34.** The lot owner may have a footstone erected for each grave, set on a proper foundation, only after an interment has taken place. Headstones of any type are not permitted.
- 35.** Memorial footstones for persons not interred in the grave are permitted only after the owner or co-owners consent that the grave will never be used for interment.
- 36.** Only one inscription will be permitted on a footstone for each grave where an interment has taken place. A memorial inscription will not be allowed. Only the decedent's date of birth and death is permitted; no other dates may be inscribed.
- 37.** Only the deceased's name can appear on the footstone and must match their legal name. The use of two or more names is strictly forbidden.
- 38.** The wording of the inscription must be in good taste and respectful of the decedent.

- 39.** No monument shall exceed 50% of the width of the headline of the plot, except bases on plots with a 6' headline, which shall not exceed 3'8" in length and 1'2" in width.
- 40.** On a two-grave plot, the base and die shall not exceed 3'6" in height.
- 41.** Bases on plots with a 10' headline or less not exceed 10" in height; die and base shall not exceed 4' in height.
- 42.** Bases on plots with 12' or more headline may be 1' in height; die and base shall not exceed 4'6" in height.
- 43.** All bases shall have not less than a 2" wash all around.
- 44.** All dies must be at least 8" thick.
- 45.** No monument shall exceed sixteen feet in length.
- 46.** All bases shall have a two-inch (2") hammered margin at the top extending around the front and ends and on all four sides of a two-faced monument.
- 47.** A bead of joint compound must be placed where the die and base meet and finished with a bead tool.
- 48.** No design, fluting, or V line may end at the joint.
- 49.** All personalized information about an individual or family may appear on the footstone. Only surnames can appear on the family monument. A non-personalized epitaph may appear one (1") inch to two (2") inches from the joint in letters one (1") inch to two (2") inches in height.
- 50.** No benches except those placed by the Cemetery are permitted.

AMENDMENT AND WAIVER OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery may at any time be revised, amended, modified, supplemented, or repealed in whole or in part by the Board of Directors of the Cemetery, subject to the approval of the Cemetery Board of the State of New York. Management or the Board of Directors of the Cemetery shall have the right to waive all or any part of its Rules and Regulations in specific instances without affecting their validity or enforceability in other or future instances. The interpretation of these Rules and Regulations by Management shall be final and not subject to dispute.



New York State Cemetery Disclosure and Information

The Rules and Regulations contained herein have been adopted by the Board of Directors of Mount Ararat Cemetery and approved by the Cemetery Board of the State of New York on November 1, 1989, revised and amended on January 4, 2024.