



## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

These rules are established in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 289 Cemeteries/Burials. Life Forest® stores and maintains all cemetery records in a digital database as well as physical paper copies. Such records are limited to those that will enable the town to locate by name and date, every interment or removal and the exact location within each plot. Life Forest has the responsibility for care of the cemeteries and is empowered and authorized to enforce these rules below. Life Forest has the sole authority to grant exceptions to any of the rules. These rules can be revised by Life Forest at its sole discretion. Beneficiaries of purchased plots or purchasers of pre-need plots will be advised to any revision made. Considerations for any concern regarding these rules will be taken into account.

### **A. RULES FOR THE PUBLIC**

1. Motor driven bikes, and off road vehicles are prohibited in the cemeteries. No vehicles, except maintenance or other commercial vehicles involved in gravesite preparation or restoration shall be driven on any part of the cemeteries except upon avenues.
2. Any person intoxicated, disorderly or disturbing the quiet and good order shall be asked to leave the cemetery. If said person does not leave, the Hillsborough Police shall be summoned.
3. Firearms shall not be discharged in cemeteries, except for salutes at military funerals or during town sponsored parades.
4. Children under the age of 15 are not permitted in the Cemetery unless accompanied by an adult.
5. No Memorial Tree is to be tampered with by any person except an arborist contracted by Life Forest to ensure the health and well-being of the trees by pruning, soil testing, fertilization, etc. Our Memorial Trees are protected by cemetery law in accordance with

RSA 635:6 & RSA 635:7 and any unauthorized act regarding these trees shall be penalized as provided in RSA 635:8 -

## **B. SALE OF PLOTS**

1. A Burial plot can be a 15'x15' burial plot or a 7'x7' burial plot. During the initial burial when the ground is open to plant the tree, we will bury however many sets of cremated remains that you wish. In the future, there is one more space allotted under the umbrella of the branches for another opening where you can again bury as many sets of the cremated remains. 7'x7 plots are allowed for one future burial and 15'x15' plots are allowed for two future burials. We must limit future burials of existing trees to ensure the health of the tree's root system.

2. Life Forest LLC is a Non Denominational Cemetery available to all who share a passion for conservation and nature.

3. Payment for a burial plot is due within 30 days from the date of billing. Payment for plots will be made to "Life Forest LLC". Upon receipt of payment, the Right to Inter Certificate will be issued directly to the owner, as well as any listed beneficiaries or trusts.

4. General cemetery maintenance is included in the price of a plot. (General cemetery maintenance includes raking, mowing, seeding, fertilizing when necessary, as well as maintenance and/or repairs to trees and monitoring for invasive species). It also includes our metal memorial markers.

## **C. INFORMATION FOR INTERMENTS**

1. Life Forest requires a minimum of one (1) week notice to schedule burials, unless otherwise allowed by a member of the Life Forest Team.

2. Burials will not take place on holidays, and will not take place from November 1st through April 15, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, based on weather and ground conditions.

3. When purchasing a cemetery plot for immediate need, the purchaser must decide if they want to have a burial service. A service consists of more than Five (5) people present at the time of burial. Service costs are \$500 on a weekend, or \$250 Monday through Friday. All no-cost services must be held Monday through Friday and have no more than Five (5) people in attendance. (Alternatively, we can plant the tree and inter the cremains without anyone present if desired for no charge).

4. Life Forest Staff does not officiate burial ceremonies nor are we clergy members. We are there to respectfully bury your loved one there, plant the tree, and prepare the space for your service. You must facilitate the presence of a clergy member if you wish for them to officiate the burial ceremony. If you do not have one but wish to have one, we will help arrange one for you.

5. In the event in which a tree planted by Life Forest serving as a memorial marker at a burial site dies, we will replace it free of charge, only if the tree dies within the first five (5) years from initial planting.

#### **D. PLANTINGS AND MARKERS**

1. The Tree chosen by the purchaser for the burial plot will be the sole memorial marker for the deceased. Any stones or pieces of memorabilia resembling that of a traditional cemetery (such as a headstone) will not be allowed due to confusion of our accordance with cemetery law. Conservation and legacy protection is our mission and cemetery law restricts the removal or hindrance of any legal memorial marker which is the chosen tree.

2. We are affiliated with a local nursery, therefore only the trees that they supply will be covered under the cost as your memorial tree. If you wish to purchase a tree at any location other than our affiliated nursery, it will not be covered in the cost and you must purchase it yourself. Any tree purchased from any location other than our affiliate automatically voids Section C Paragraph 5 of our rules and regulations as stated above.

3. Life Forest will plant all Memorial Trees during burials. Spaces are limited to one planting per plot, and planting of any other trees or shrubs is prohibited. Life Forest shall have the right to remove any additional memorial markers, plantings, or such parts thereof, as are thus detrimental, dangerous or inconvenient. Life Forest LLC is not liable for damages to plants that are not planted by Life Forest or other placed memorial markers according to these rules.

4. It is not permissible to place memorabilia, fences, benches, decorative landscaping, stones, bird feeders, curbs or any other ornamental objects on any plot. Temporary decorative memorabilia will be removed within 30 days of interment – one (1) object is permitted with approval from a member of the Life Forest Team and must be natural in origin and biodegradable. Life Forest has the right to remove non-conforming items, from any plot.

5. The placement of U.S. flags and memorial wreaths on Veteran burial plots are allowed but must be appropriately sized in accordance with a member of the Life Forest Team and will be removed by the end of the planting season. Other memorial flags are allowed with specific Life Forest approval.

#### **E. CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

1. Conservation easements will maintain the integrity of the Life Forest Property, these easements are legally binding and are recorded with the deed. Terms of the easement will dictate how the land can be utilized for public enjoyment.

#### **F. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES**

1. The following steps that are outlined to enforce the rules and regulations of Life Forest for the safety of the Life Forest community and their peaceful enjoyment of the land, as well as the natural state of Life Forest:

*If behavior breaking these rules persists, the first offense will be followed up with an email reminding the purchaser or beneficiaries of the rules. Second offense will be followed with a phone call of the same nature, and if blatant disrespect continues after the first two offenses, a cease and desist letter will be sent to the offender*