

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SOUTH PERINTON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION



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SECTION 1: CEMETERY PLOT SPACES AND FULL BURIALS (see figure 1, 2 & 3)

- A. All plots in the South Perinton Cemetery are sold in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of New York and shall not be used for any other purpose than as a burial space for human remains.
- B. No interment shall be allowed without a permit being first obtained from the South Perinton Cemetery Association. At the time of applying for the permit, the following information must be furnished:
 - Name of deceased
 - Age of deceased-including date of birth if known
 - Place of birth of deceased, if known
 - Date of death
 - Date of interment
 - If not an adult-the names of parent[s] or legal guardian[s] of deceased
- C. All work done in the Cemetery, whether it is burials, building foundations, plantings, etc., shall be performed by cemetery employees or unless under the direction of the Superintendent or Board of Trustees. No monument will be allowed to be delivered in the Cemetery until the foundation is installed and ready to receive the monument, and the superintendent has approved delivery.
- D. Plot owners are prohibited from allowing interments to be made on their plots for compensation.
- E. The final purchase price must be paid before a deed will be given or burial allowed in a burial plot space.
- F. Full burial concrete vaults or concrete grave liners are required for interments in all graves, purchased on or after May 1, 1996, in accordance with the provisions of Cemetery Board Directive 201.6.
- G. Each burial plot (1) size is 3' 6" (42") W x 11' (132") L Reference - 38.5 sq ft
- H. One (1) plot is to fit 1-full body burial vault (Reference MAX Vault=~38"W x ~99"L).
- I. * Oversize full body burial vaults not fitting into 1 plot require 2 burial plots
Note: A standard plot width is 3' 6" x 11' in length (section "C")
- J. Ash Cremation Burials - all ash burials will be made under the direction of the Superintendent of the South Perinton Cemetery.
- K. Plot Cremation Burial Requirements within one (1) burial plot (see figure 2 and figure 3 below)
 - 1. Plot cremation burials are accepted above one (1) full burial vault. The full burial must occur first before any of the cremation burials can be interred in the shared plot and there must be at least 24" between the top of the casket/vault and the ground surface/level.
 - 2. Multiple (one to four) cremated remains may be buried within one (1) burial plot using a recommended burial container.

3. The number of cremation burials on top of one (1) full burial depends on the cremation container size.
 4. The plot owner is required to communicate the cremation urn or vault specifications / size(s) 2-3 weeks prior to burial services.
 5. The approximate cremation burial area for one (1 plot) cremation burial is 1.58' (19") x 1.58' (19") Reference: 2.51 sq ft
 6. The recommended maximum cremation box size with a vault is ~ 10" W x 10" L x 8" H
 7. Oversize or custom cremation containers will reduce the number of cremation burials within one (1) plot.
 8. Cremation vaults are recommended by South Perinton Cemetery Association to protect the urns and remains within the urns.
 9. The interment of cremated remains are recommended to be in rigid non-biodegradable receptacles such as Plastic, Marble, Ceramic, Porcelain, Glass, Stainless Steel, Brass, Bronze, Stone, or concrete.
 10. Cremation burials will not be placed under monuments or head stones.
 11. Scattering of cremains remains will not be permitted in any part of the cemetery.
 12. Names and Location(s) of Cremation Urns within 1 plot will be documented by the superintendent on the cemetery maps and documentation.
- L. Temporary grave markers, put up at the time of burials, will be removed after one year following burial in each space.
- M. Permanent burial markers are required to be placed on the grave plot within one year of the full burial or cremation(s) burial.
- N. Monument (headstones)/Markers are to be inscribed with the names, birth and death dates of the deceased (both full burials and cremation burials) within the plot or plots. Digital memorialization (QR Codes) may be inscribed/placed on the markers in addition to (not in place of) the names and birth and death dates of the deceased. The cemetery will not be responsible for damage or impairment to any monument/marker inscription. The cemetery will not be responsible for any risks associated with the information about the deceased being digitally available to the general public through the QR Codes.
- O. At this point in time, South Perinton Cemetery Association is not accepting burial of pet cremations.

SECTION 2: RESALE OF PLOT OR SPACES BY OWNERS

Plot or space owners may relinquish their burial rights under certain conditions.

- A. If the plot or space has not been used for burials, the plot or space must first be offered to the Cemetery Corporation at the original price. If the Cemetery refuses, in writing, to purchase it, the Plot or space may be offered to an outside buyer.
- B. However, cemetery property may not be sold to funeral directors or brokers for the purpose of resale.
- C. Cemetery Board approval is required after the owner has obtained a buyer. The original owner must relinquish his deed and the secretary must record and file it. The cemetery records all instruments of transfer.
[Section 1513C of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law].

SECTION 3: FUNERALS

- A. All funerals, processions, and vehicles, while in the cemetery will be under the control of the Superintendent.
- B. Interments on Sundays and Holidays will be governed by the Superintendent, the South Perinton Cemetery Board of Trustees and State Cemetery Board Directive 201.8 and 201.12
- C. Graves will not be opened during severe weather or other similar circumstances, in accordance with Section 1510-B of the NY Not-for-profit Corporation Law. The cemetery will not receive bodies during these times.

SECTION 4: ROAD ACCESS TO THE CEMETERY

- A. Cemetery roads will be open for passenger vehicles as weather conditions permit.
- B. The cemetery roads will not be plowed during the winter months, any travel on roads is discouraged except when appropriate weather conditions prevail. Each year, all roads in the cemetery will be closed on January 1.
- C. No recreational equipment will be permitted on cemetery grounds.

SECTION 5: GRAVE ADORNMENT

- A. The South Perinton Cemetery Association reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths, or other decorations from cemetery spaces as soon as they become unsightly. Winter wreaths will be removed by April 1st.
- B. The South Perinton Cemetery Association prohibits embellishments such as benches, fences, or objects of adornment on cemetery plots and may require removal after due notice is sent to the plot owner. This would include any embellishments on the plot such as effigy, permanent trees, and plants, etc.... which in the opinion of the majority of the board of trustees or the Superintendent, is unsightly and/or dangerous.
- C. The South Perinton Cemetery Association prohibits the planting of shrubs and trees on individual spaces, and reserves the right to remove any shrubs or tree deemed dangerous to the public or which curtails care of cemetery grounds, after due notice to the space owner.
- D. Placing glass or breakable objects (i.e. vases, pots, etc..) on graves or plots is not recommended and may cause safety concerns.
- E. The South Perinton Association is not responsible for lost, stolen or broken items. Accountability for injuries from glass or broken items will be deemed the responsibility of the customer.

SECTION 6: MONUMENT SPECIFICATIONS

- A. Gravestones / markers must be made of granite or bronze [these are durable and will withstand the weather conditions experienced in our cemetery's region].
- B. South Perinton Cemetery shall have no financial responsibility for payment of any cost incurred to procure, set, reposition, or relocate any monument or marker in the cemetery.
- C. Upright or raised headstones and foundations are to be kept in alignment with the other raised headstones within the row.
- D. Monuments, headstones, and flat / flush markers require permanent foundations. Foundations will not be installed over the top of full burial vaults. Foundations are permitted anywhere within the owner's plot if there are no full burials in the plot and the plot is used for cremations only.

1. Head Stone foundations shall be constructed of concrete and extend 2" to 3" inches on each side of the monument or headstone.
 2. The height of the foundation to be ~2"-3" above the ground surface to avoid headstone damage during yard maintenance.
 3. Depth of the foundation shall be a minimum of 24" (surface flat stones) and a suggested depth of 36"- 48"
 4. The foundation specification to be defined by the monument company with reference to the size and weight of the head stone or monument.
 5. Any monuments (headstones)/markers sinking, tipping, falling etc. will be the responsibility of the plot owner.
- E. Monument size: in general, the monument size should follow the current industry standards and not exceed the following dimensions:
1. Length [distance left to right as you read the marker] needs to conform to the common sizes of markers for the type of grave [single or double grave] and must not extend beyond the boundaries of the grave plot.
 2. Width [distance from front to back of marker] needs to be ~10" to 14" and never be placed on top of a vault and/or casket.
 3. Height [distance from the bottom to the highest point] maximum height of 60" including the base.

SECTION 7: VAULT AND MONUMENT / HEADSTONE MARKER PLACEMENT (see figure 1, 2 & 3)

- A. Full burial vaults to be located / biased to one side (East) of the plot allowing headstone placement on undisturbed ground. (see reference figure 1 below)
 - B. Casket (full body burial) direction to be placed with feet placed facing East & head placed West.
 - C. Reference: The nominal cremation urn vault (for 1 urn) is around 15" L x15" W x18" high.
 - D. All monuments, headstones, and flat / flush markers are to be installed within the plot owner(s) purchased plot(s) boundaries.
 - E. Full vaults are to be centered within the plot (1 plot) width.
 - F. Soil depth to be a minimum of 24" deep on top of the vault and/or casket
 - G. * Oversize full body burial vaults not fitting into 1 plot will require 2 burial plots (1 standard plot width is 3' 6")
 - H. Multiple burials in one (1) plot require the names, dates of birth and deaths for each of the deceased buried in the plot. Allowable options for markers are:
 - Option 1: Only one (1) upright headstone (see Section 8) is permitted on one (1) plot.
This upright headstone will be inscribed with the names, birth, and death dates.
 - Option 2: If cremations are added in the plot after the full burial and burial identification is not on the upright headstone or cannot be added to the upright headstone, up to four (4) flat/flush markers can be added behind the upright headstone within the one (1) plot.
- a. Section "C" plots burials West of the driveway and east of the walk path.
 - i. Headstone name identification engraving will face East
 - b. Section "C" plot / burials West of the Section "C" walk path.
 - i. Headstone name identification engraving will face west towards the furthest west driveway. (final determination after ground clearing)
 - c. Section "B" plot burials East of the driveway.

- i. Headstone name identification engraving will face West
- d. If a headstone has double sided identification engraving the customer has the responsibility of defining the engraving direction.

SECTION 8: DISINTERMENT OF BURIAL REMAINS

- A. All removals of remains (full body or cremations) buried in South Perinton Cemetery may be removed with the consent of the South Perinton Cemetery Association and the written consent (given on the South Perinton Cemetery Assoc. consent forms) of the owners of the plot/lot and of the surviving wife, husband, children (if of full age) and parents of the deceased. If the consent of any such person or of the South Perinton Cemetery cannot be obtained, permission by the county court of the county, or by the supreme court in the district, where the cemetery is situated, shall be sufficient. Notice of application for such permission must be given, at least eight days prior thereto, personally, or, at least sixteen days prior thereto, by mail, to the cemetery or to the persons not consenting, and to every other person or cemetery on whom service of notice may be required by the court (Per N.Y. Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, Section 1510 Cemetery Duties).
- B. All burials that require removal and/or re-burial must have the South Perinton Cemetery Assoc. Waiver Form signed by the plot owner or authorized representative if the plot owner is not available or unable to be located.

SECTION 9: MISCELLANEOUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. All plot owners are required to notify the cemetery of any change of mailing and / or email address.
- B. Installment plans for plot purchases or burials are not accepted by the South Perinton Cemetery Association.
- C. Trusts established for the provision of special care or services to a grave will not be accepted by the South Perinton Cemetery Association for financial management of the trust or for the provision of the actual care / services.
- D. These rules and regulations may be amended by the directors of the South Perinton Cemetery Association, but no such amendments shall be effective until approved by the New York State Cemetery Board.

Figure 1 - 1 Full Burial into 1 Plot

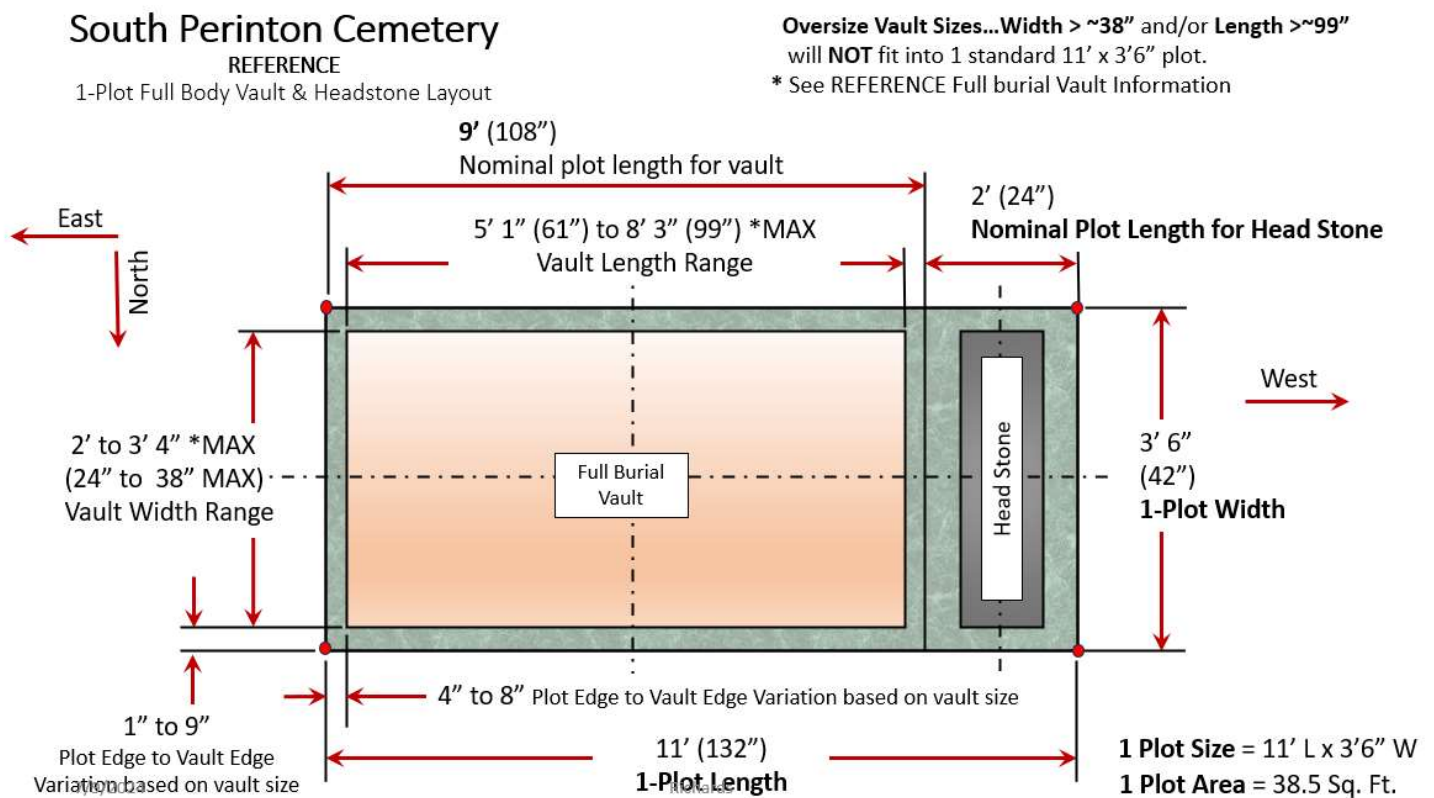


Figure 2 - 1 Full Burial & 4 Cremations into 1 Plot

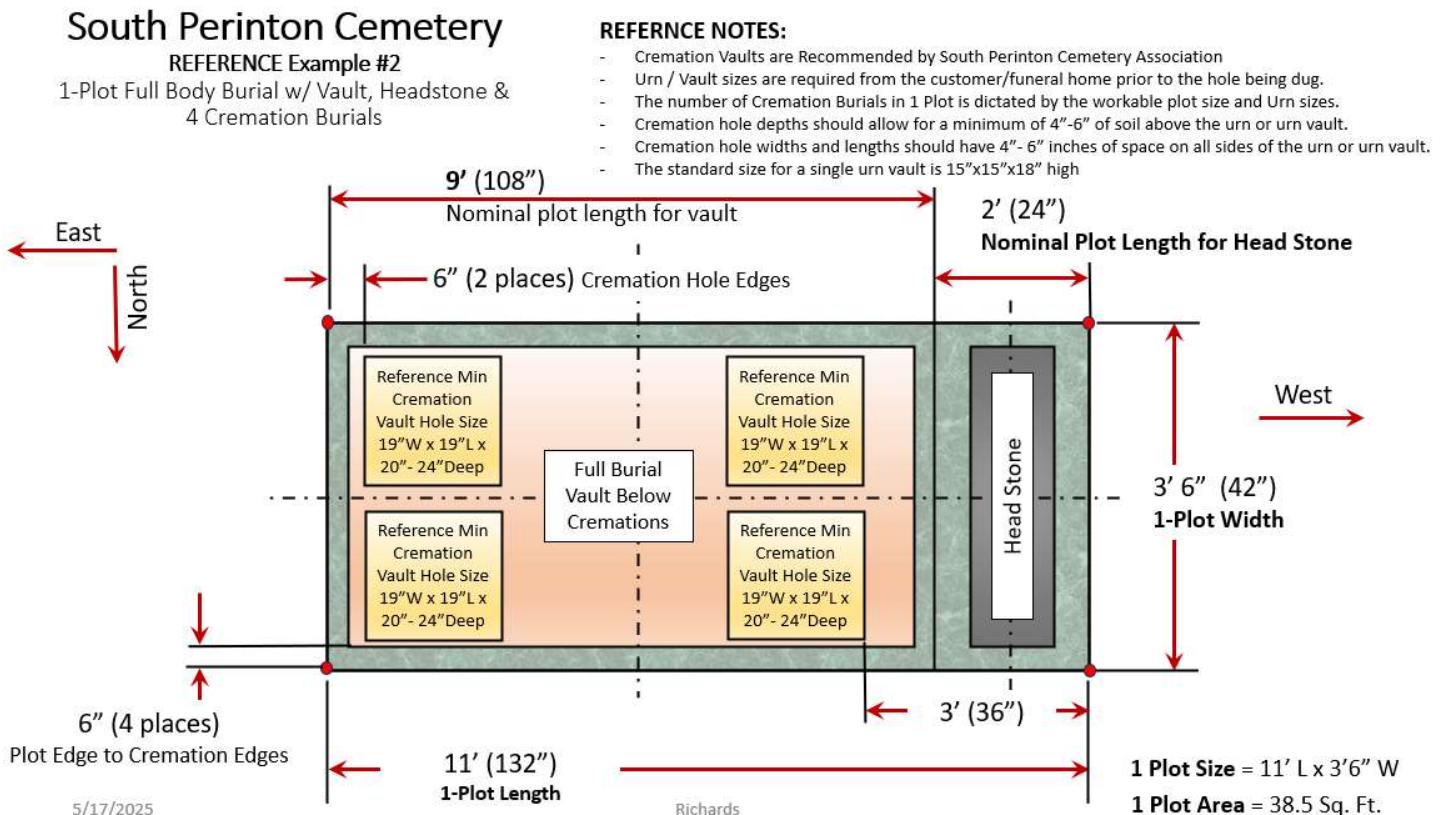
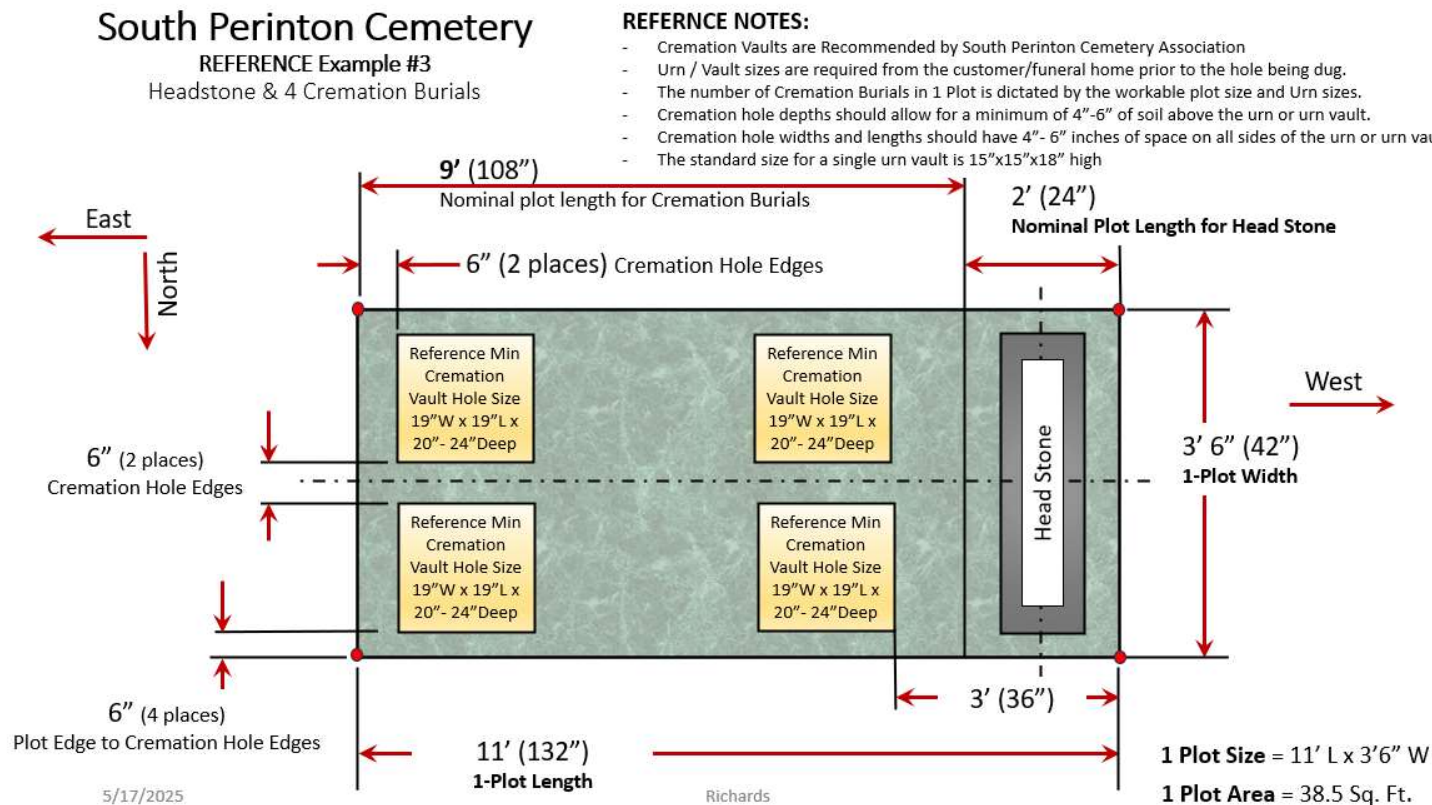


Figure 3 - No Full Burials & 4 Cremation Burials into 1 Plot



Reference Records Update Sheet for Rules and Regulations

- 12/20/2024** Updated SECTION 5: GRAVE ADORNMENT
- Section "D" updated
 - Added Section "E"
- Updated SECTION 7: VAULT AND HEADSTONE PLACEMENT
- Added headstone identification engraving directions for Section C burial area
- 05/17/2025** Updated Figure 2: "Full Burial & 4 Cremation Burials into 1 Plot"
- Cremation minimum hole depth information updated
 - Reference notes updated
- 05/17/2025** Updated Figure 3: "No Full Burials & 4 Cremation Burials into 1 Plot"
- Cremation minimum hole depth information updated
 - Reference notes updated
- 05/17/2025** SECTION 7: VAULT AND MONUMENT HEADSTONE PLACEMENT
- Updated wording in A - H
- 05/17/2025** SECTION 1: CEMETERY PLOT SPACES AND FULL BURIALS
- Added requirement for waiver agreement & signature(s) upon temporarily removing (and replacing) a cremation for a full burial within one plot.
 - Updated wording in K referencing cremations

Updates and Corrections Per NYS Division of Cemeteries Review

- 8/20/2025** Updated SECTION 1 K. Plot Cremation Burial Requirements within one (1) burial Plot
- Provided detailed requirements
- 8/20/2025** Updated SECTION 1 N.
- Reworded the original sentence
 - Added allowance of QR Codes for Digital Memorialization
- 8/20/2025** Updated SECTION 3: FUNERALS
- Reworded sentence per Section 1510-B of the NY Not-for-Profit Corporation Law
- 8/20/2025** Updated SECTION 6 MONUMENT SPECIFICATIONS
- D. Updated wording for foundation
 - D. #5. Reworded the sentence to make the plot/lot owner responsible for repairs to markers/foundations
 - C. Added upright headstone note for headstone alignment within the row.
- 8/20/2025** Updated SECTION 7: VAULT AND MONUMENT/HEADSTONE/MARKER PLACEMENT
- Added figure 2 to the heading section
 - Sect. 7 D. Added the word marker and edited a grammar error
- 8/20/2025** Updated Added NEW SECTION 8: DISINTERMENT OF BURIAL REMAINS
- Added Sect. 8 A.
 - Added Sect. 8 B.
- 8/20/2025** Updated Original Sect. 8 MISCELLANEOUS RULES AND REGULATIONS
- Changed Section 8 to Section 9

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