Article 1101: CEMETERY BY-LAWS OF KINGSTON, N. H.

(Adopted 03/7/73; Amended 03/14/79; 03/10/82;
03/11/92; 03/15/95; 03/09/99; 03/08/05)

1101.1 **AUTHORITY:**: The care and use of the Town Cemeteries (Plains, Pine Grove, Greenwood, and Millstream) shall be administered by the Trustees of the Trust Funds, who are responsible for enforcing and amending these bylaws as required. Bylaws can only be hanged by a vote of the Trustees of the Trust Funds after holding a posted public meeting noticing the proposed change(s). (Amended 03/08/2005)

1101.2 **SEXTON:** The Trustees shall appoint a Town Cemetery Sexton and define his or her duties and rate of pay. (Amended 03/08/2005)

1101.3 **CEMETERY PLOTS:**

A. Grave sites are sold by Trustees of the Trust Funds, and may be purchased by residents or former residents, their relatives, or as otherwise provided for by the Selectman (per vote of the Town, March 10, 1982). Sites within 100 feet of the memorial flagpole at Greenwood Cemetery are reserved for veterans and their immediate families.

B. Grave sites may be purchased individually, or in plots of two or more. Each grave site measures ten feet by three feet four inches. A single grave site may be used for one full burial and/or for cremation remains burials. There is no set limit for number of cremation remains buried, but only one grave marker is permitted for each single grave site.

C. The price of each grave site will be $300.00, which includes perpetual care (mowing, seeding, weeding, trimming).

D. Burial plots may not be resold, except to the Town of Kingston, which will repurchase lots at the original sales price. Ownership of plots, and grave sites within plots, may be transferred upon death of purchaser by will or probate in accordance with NH RSA 289:2 and 561:1. It is the responsibility of the recipient(s) of the site(s) to notify the

Trustees of the Trust Funds (P.O. Box 880, Kingston, NH 03848) of the change of ownership by providing a copy of the will or probate decree to the Trustees.

E. Plots will be sold by designated numbers as shown on the official map of each cemetery. Deeds for the plots shall be issued by the Town.

1101.4 MONUMENTS AND GRAVE MARKERS:

A. Plots of two or more grave sites are permitted one medium-sized monument made of natural stone (maximum footprint of three feet in depth by six feet in width) placed in the center of the back line so as to maintain an even row of monuments in each row of graves.

B. Single-grave sites may have a small stone monument or headstone (maximum footprint of two feet in depth by three feet in width) placed in line with other monuments in that row.

C. Monuments must be placed on a stone or concrete foundation at least three feet deep.

D. Stone or brick corner markers are required to mark the bounds of the lot and must not protrude more than one inch above the ground. Trustees are responsible for the placement of corner markers.

E. Flush stone grave markers are desirable on multiple-grave plots, and must not protrude more than one inch above the ground. Only one flush marker is permitted on each single grave site.

F. All monuments, headstones and grave markers must be sited entirely within the bounds of the plot, and at a location determined by the Trustees.

11O1.5 INTERMENT PROCEDURES:

A. Grave preparation shall be the financial responsibility of the plot owner and shall be performed by the Town Cemetery Sexton or by others approved by the Trustees.

B. All full burial graves shall be provided with outside containers (vaults or liners) made of reinforced concrete, stone, non-ferrous metal, or approved synthetic material.

C. If a container is used for cremation remains, it must be constructed of a permanent (non-decaying) material of sufficient strength as to avoid collapse.

D. To enable location of site boundaries, and to avoid damage to existing graves, interments will not occur when the ground is covered by snow or is frozen. The Trustees may authorize exemptions from this clause at their discretion.

1101.6 DECORATIONS: Only the following decorations are permitted:

A. Up to two small evergreen shrubs may be planted adjacent to a monument. Living flowers or bulbs may be planted within one foot of the front of a monument. No plantings shall exceed the boundaries of the burial plot. The Trustees reserve the right to trim the shrubs as necessary to maintain the appropriate size and appearance.

B. Natural flowers may be left at a grave site, but will be removed when dead or wilted. No artificial flowers are permitted.

C. One flag in good condition, not to exceed 12 inches by 18 inches, may be displayed at a grave site from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day. All flags will be removed prior to snow covering the ground.

D. The Trustees reserve the right to remove any items infringing on these regulations. Any exceptions to these regulations requ

1101.7 VEHICLES AND ANIMALS:

A. All vehicles in a cemetery must remain on established roads and are limited to five miles per hour.

B. No animals are permitted in the cemeteries.