

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF VANCOUVER
GARDENS OF GETHSEMANI CATHOLIC CEMETERY, SURREY, BC

Bylaw Schedule C: Interment Regulations

1.0 INTERMENT REGULATIONS

- 1.1 Bylaw Compliance: Every Interment in the Cemetery shall conform to the Cemetery Bylaw, Cemetery design plan, the Lot type into which an Interment is made, and the regulations set out in this Schedule.
- 1.2 Interment Arrangement: Arrangement and payment for all Cemetery goods and services shall be coordinated at or through the Cemetery Office at Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery, 15694 32 Avenue, Surrey, B.C. on Monday to Saturday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.
- 1.3 Advance Notice: Advance notice of an Interment is required. The notice, documents and fees for an Interment shall be delivered to the Cemetery, where the notice shall be,
- (a) for an Interment on a regular working day of the Cemetery, not less than 48 hours (2 working days) notice to the Cemetery, prior to the scheduled Interment, and
 - (b) for an Interment after regular hours or on a day when the Cemetery is normally closed, subject to the Manager's approval and the availability of staff, not less than 72 hours (3 working days) notice to the Cemetery, prior to the scheduled Interment.
- 1.4 Interment Application: No Interment (or Disinterment) of Human Remains or Cremated Remains at the Cemetery shall be permitted until,
- (a) the Legal Representative of a deceased makes application for, and completes and signs an Interment Authorization, in a form prescribed by the Cemetery,
 - (b) all fees payable to the Cemetery for a Lot, the Interment, and for any other service or product supplied by the Church to facilitate the Interment, are paid in full to the Cemetery, as set out in *Bylaw Schedule 'A': Schedule of Fees*,
 - (c) for Human Remains, a BC Burial Permit has been surrendered to the Cemetery,
 - (d) for Cremated Remains, a Certificate of Cremation has been surrendered to the Cemetery, or
 - (e) where a death has occurred in a jurisdiction other than the province of BC, a legal registration of death document for the Interment, deemed acceptable by the Cemetery, has been surrendered to the Cemetery.
- 1.5 Interment Times: Upon provision of proper application, advance notice, and authorization, Human Remains or Cremated Remains Interment services may occur,
- (a) Monday through Saturday, between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm,

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- (b) at a set time arranged with the Cemetery, and the Interment service must conclude within 1 hour of the arranged or within 1.5 hours for a full closure service,
 - (c) where any Interment service runs more than 1 hour past the established Interment time, on any day, is automatically subject to overtime fees for every hour or 15-minute portion thereof, and
 - (d) no Interments are permitted on a Sunday, Day of Observance or Holiday observed by the Church.
- 1.6 **Casket Required:** Human remains for Interment shall be enclosed in a casket or alternative container that complies with the requirements set out in the Cemetery Act for containers, any regulation established for caskets or containers by the Cemetery, and as approved by the Manager.
- 1.7 **Embalming:** Human remains for entombment in an interior mausoleum or an above-ground crypt shall be embalmed or, if not embalmed, then enclosed in a hermetically sealed casket or container approved by the Manager for entombment in a crypt.
- 1.8 **Grave Liner Required:** Every Interment of Human Remains into an in-ground Lot shall,
- (a) be made into a grave liner supplied and installed by the Cemetery,
 - (b) be made into a grave liner supplied by an outside provider that meets in, every way, any standard established by the Manager for grave liners at the Cemetery, and
 - (c) only the Cemetery shall install a grave liner into a Lot or, the Cemetery may require the outside supplier of a grave liner to install the liner under the direct supervision of the Cemetery at a day and time of the Cemetery's choosing, and
 - (d) the supply and installation of a grave liner, whether through the Cemetery or an outside provider, is to be made at an Interment applicant's expense and subject to the applicable fee set out in *Bylaw Schedule A: Schedule of Fees*, and the fee shall be paid in full to the Cemetery prior to the delivery and / or installation of the grave liner into a Lot at the Cemetery.
- 1.9 **Companion (Double) Interment Lots:** Where a Lot is designated for the Interment of the human remains of 2 persons then, without exception, the first Interment of human remains in the Lot shall be made into the lowest level, or furthest back space, within the Lot.
- 2.0 **Urn Required:** Cremated Remains for Interment shall be enclosed in an urn manufactured for the express purpose of containing Cremated Remains, constructed of wood, engineered wood, metal, stone, plastic, porcelain, or other material approved by the Manager.
- 2.1 **Secondary Interments:** Where a human remains Lot permits for the secondary Interment of cremated remains then, the Interment of cremated remains in the Lot can be made should the traditional casket burial have not yet occurred.

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2.2 Interment Witness/ Participation: Under special circumstances, the Manager at their discretion, may authorize the limited witnessing and/ or participation of Interment attendees in the closing of an Interment Lot, subject to the following criteria,

- (a) the request to witness / participate in an Interment closing is communicated to the Cemetery as part of the advance notice of Interment,
- (b) all proceedings at the Interment site shall be under the direction of the Cemetery and those participating shall follow all instructions given by the Cemetery, and
- (c) the time and staff required to accommodate attendee witness / participation in an Interment closing may be subject to payment of an additional fee, as set out in *Bylaw Schedule A: Schedule of Fees*.