

## CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

# Rules & Regulations of North Burial Ground for the Public

## Hours

- North Burial Ground office hours are as follows:
  - o Monday through Friday 8:00 AM 3:45 PM September 1 through June 30
  - o Monday through Friday 8:30 AM 3:45 PM July 1 through August 31
- Gate hours are as follows:
  - o Daily 8:00 AM 4:00 PM
  - o Seasonal (May October) 8:00 AM 6:00 PM on weekends and holidays
  - o The last vehicle entry is 3:45 PM on weekdays and 5:45 on weekends

## **Decorations at Gravesites**

We invite you to celebrate your loved one in ways that are meaningful to you, with the following restrictions in mind:

## • Gravesites may have two (2) plastic or in-ground vases with flowers.

• Any silk flowers in the vases will be removed if they are damaged or faded.

We encourage you to visit your gravesite regularly to replace and replenish your flowers or plastic vases. Inground vases are vases that can be placed securely into the ground, and are a more permanent and sustainable alternative to plastic. We strongly encourage you to consider these vases and explore vase options with your monument company.

#### • There shall be NO:

- Grave borders and fencing
- o Metal wreaths
- o Crosses or religious items
- Decorative flags (American flags & other national flags are the exception)
- o Planting of shrubs or trees
- o Solar lights
- o Pinwheels
- o Balloons (The State of Rhode Island recently banned balloon releases)
- o Candles
- o Trinkets of any kind
- o Glass or ceramics of any kind

#### The North Burial Ground staff will remove and dispose of any of the above items on a regular basis.

These items create hazards for our machinery or can break down in the weather leaving behind litter, instead of the memorial you intended. Please respect that North Burial Ground is a shared space, with many visitors from all walks of life. Our regulations are designed to create a space that is welcoming, free of litter, and well maintained. We appreciate your cooperation with these regulations and expectations.

#### NORTH BURIAL GROUND

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