

remove the applicable stones, monuments or markers, or make the necessary repairs, all at the owner's expense.

#### INTERMENTS:

Whatever information may be required by the law of the land must be furnished before burial arrangements can be completed.

Arrangements for interments must be made with the Parish, at least twenty-four hours prior to the proposed burial, by the relative, friend or executor of the deceased, whose responsibility it is to care for this matter.

No interment, or disinterment, is allowed without the written order of the owner of the lot, or the person who has authority to represent them. All interments in lots shall be restricted to members of the family, or relatives of the owner, unless by special permission of the Parish Administrator.

No disinterment is allowed without a Permit from the Department of Health and the permission of the Ordinary of the Archdiocese. The former is necessary even if the disinterment is by Court Order. No grave shall be opened for an interment, or disinterment, without the consent of the Parish.

No grave shall be opened nearer than 6 inches of the boundary of the lot.

Interments shall not be made in lots that have not been paid for in full except by special permission of the Parish.

Distribution of ashes, within the Cemetery grounds, is prohibited.

#### FEES & OTHER ISSUES:

All notices required by any by-law, rule or regulation to be given to lot owners may be personally delivered to the owner, or mailed to such owner, or their legal office representative, at their post office address as appearing in the books of the Parish, by registered letter.

Due to increasing costs, and uncertainty regarding future costs to maintain the Cemetery, the Parish's Finance Committee, on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, agreed to a revised fee structure that became effective on that date.

Fees for "Individual Lots":

- An "Active Parishioner", as defined below = **\$100.00**.
  - A "Parishioner", not meeting the definition of an "Active Parishioner", as defined below = **\$400.00**.
- A "Non-Parishioner" = **\$800.00**.

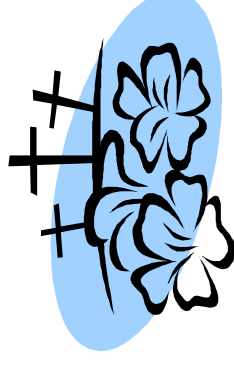
"Double Lots", are calculated by multiplying Individual Lot Fees by 2.

An "Active Parishioner" is defined as an individual who has contributed to the Parish by regularly attending Parish functions (i.e. regular attendance at Mass) for a period of at least two years. Determination of the Parishioner/Non-Parishioner status will be made by the Parish Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

There is no "Perpetual Care" fee being charged by the Parish, at this time.

Approved at Finance Committee Meeting held June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

## St. Francis of Assisi & St. Lawrence Churches



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**DEFINITIONS:**

“Parish” – Refers to the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Church (and their Administrators) which is comprised of the Churches of: St. Francis of Assisi, Wolfville, NS and St. Lawrence, Canning, NS.

“Cemetery” – Refers to the Cemetery grounds owned by the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi, which are located on Ridge Road, Wolfville, NS.

“Cemetery Chairperson” – Refers to the individual the Parish has placed with the responsibility of overseeing the functions related to the Parish’s Cemetery grounds.

“Cemetery Caretaker” – Refers to the individual(s) the Parish has made arrangements with, to maintain the Cemetery grounds.

**LOTS:**

The size of an individual lot shall be approximately 4’x10’, or forty square feet. Each lot shall contain no more than, one casket and two urns, or four urns. Two caskets in one grave are ordinarily not permitted. Permission from the Parish is needed for this option.

Lots for burial purposes will be sold at such prices summarized at the end of this document.

No lot will be considered sold, or reserved for sale, until reported to, and confirmed by, the Parish’s Cemetery Chairperson.

The Records kept at the St. Francis Rectory will be considered the “Official Records” of ownership of lots for the

Parish’s Cemetery property.

A lot owner does not have the right to transfer their lot, once purchased, other than in special circumstances, and in any case, not without the approval of the Parish.

Borders, fences, railings, walls and cut stone copings in or around lots are prohibited. Planting of flowers, shrubs and trees is prohibited without the consent of the Parish.

No person shall make any walk, or cut any sod, or move corner posts, or grave markers, in the Cemetery, without the consent of the Parish.

A lot owner is prohibited from making any change in grading to their lot that interferes with the grading and maintenance of the Cemetery grounds.

Flowers arrangements or vases placed on the ground are not permitted, due to their interference with ground maintenance. The only acceptable plastic flowers will be saddle arrangements placed on top of the headstone, or a vase mounted on the base of the headstone. Removal of these headstone flowers is the responsibility of the deceased member’s family, but the Cemetery Caretaker is empowered to remove any flowers, natural or artificial, that are in excess, or that have become faded/weathered. The use of glass jars, or bottles, as containers for cut flowers, are prohibited

**MONUMENTS & MARKERS:**

A monument, or marker, shall not be permitted to be in-

stalled on a lot for which full lot payment has not been received. No monument, or marker, shall be permitted unless the Parish has granted prior approval for its placement.

The Parish may place a marker on any unmarked lot, after a burial.

Any stone which projects above the level of the ground shall be considered a monument and only one monument will be allowed on each double lot. However, one marker may be placed, in addition, at each lot. Markers are to be placed flat on the ground, their tops at ground level. Markers shall not be more than 6 inches, or less than 4 inches, in thickness and of dimensions in keeping with the size of the lot.

All monuments, or markers, installed in the Cemetery shall be made of granite, or cut stone. All monuments, inscribed with a cross, must bear a cross that is in keeping with the size of the monument.

Statues, or any like objects, made of plastic, or other materials, are prohibited on the lots and may be removed by the Cemetery Caretaker. Lettered boards, to designate graves, are prohibited.

The Parish will not be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of any stones, monuments, and/or other markers, placed on Cemetery lots. The Cemetery Caretaker shall report to the Parish any lot upon which the stones, monuments, or markers, are in a state of disrepair. The Parish shall notify the owner that such lot must be put in proper repair, to the satisfaction of the Cemetery Caretaker. If the lot owner, or their representative, shall refuse, or neglect to make repairs, within a period of one month after receiving such notice, the Parish may