

Cemetery Prices, Charges, Rules, and Regulations



Public cemeteries must make their price list available and file it with the New York State Department of State, Division of Cemeteries, but the Division of Cemeteries does not review or approve prices. Different final resting places can have different prices and may hold different numbers and types of remains.

Cemeteries must set service charges. The most common service charges are interment (opening), pouring a foundation, and cremation. The Division of Cemeteries, working for the Cemetery Board, must review and approve cemetery service charges. These charges must be fair and reasonable.

Cemeteries must make rules for:

1. the use, care, management, and protection of the cemetery;
2. the dividing marks between in-ground burial spaces;
3. the kinds of structures allowed;
4. preventing unsightly monuments and structures;
5. plants, trees, and shrubs;
6. preventing burials that are not allowed;
7. removing remains from a final resting place;
8. regulating visitors' behavior while at the cemetery; and
9. activities, meetings, and groups that are not allowed.

The Division of Cemeteries, working for the Cemetery Board, must review and approve cemeteries' rules and proposed changes to those rules.