

## Regulations Of The Cemetery

1. In terms of the Burial Grounds(Scotland) Act, 1855, and amending Acts, the general management, regulation and control of the burial ground (subject to the provisions of the acts, the present regulations and such further regulations as may from time to time be made) shall belong to Falkirk Council as the local Authority, for the purpose of said Acts.
2. The Management, regulation and control of the burial ground shall be exercised by such Officer as the Local Authority may appoint and through such Officer all orders and instructions shall be conveyed to all persons who may be employed therein.
3. The Local Authority shall keep the Register required by Section 31 of the above Act, and shall enter therein all burials which shall be made in the grounds, distinguishing the exact portion of the ground in which each body is buried, the date of the burial and depth of the grave.
4. The Local Authority in registering each burial shall mark the number of the lair in which it takes place, etc.
5. All payments for ground, etc. shall be made by Account payable to the Director of Finance of Falkirk Council, Municipal Buildings, Falkirk.
6. All services in grave digging, etc, shall be exclusively performed by employees of the Local Authority or Approved Contractor.
7. Proprietors are prohibited from interring in their ground any other than members of their own family without having previously obtained in writing the consent of the Local Authority thereto.
8. Notice of interment shall be given to the Officer in charge of the Cemetery by the parties or the Undertaker of the Funeral as early as possible, and not later than 48 hours immediately preceding the day fixed for the interment.
9. Each purchaser of ground will on payment of the price be furnished with a Registry Certificate, and such Certificate shall be held to confer on the purchaser the right of burial in the ground described in the Certificate for a period not exceeding one hundred years from the date of the Certificate.
10. Representatives of deceased purchasers on producing evidence of their right of succession will be entitled to have their names inserted in the Register, and will obtain a Transfer Certificate on payment of fee. All joint succession or division of the property is, however, expressly excluded in any case whatever. The representative possessing such transferred Certificate will be possessed of all the rights of the original purchaser of the ground.
11. No grave for any person shall be less than four feet deep, and no coffin shall be permitted to be laid nearer to the surface than three feet, measuring from the upper part of the coffin. No more than four full-sized coffins shall be allowed to be interred in one grave, under normal circumstances, and no coffin shall be permitted to be removed from any grave with the view of making room for a new interment. In the case of shallow graves interments will be restricted to one or two coffins dependant on legislative requirements.
12. No tomb, monument, rail, fence, chain or erection of any kind whatever, nor planting of any description, shall be permitted on the sites and lairs until approved by the Local Authority, to whom a special written statement and drawing of what is proposed shall be submitted, and their written sanction obtained before the work is commenced. Tombs, monuments, etc. shall be founded at such depth, and in such manner as may be approved by the Officer in charge and all excavations for foundations of tombs, monuments, etc., shall be executed by the Officer in Charge or any person whom he may appoint at the expense of the proprietors. No monuments or other erection shall be built or fitted in any wall or railing.
13. The proprietors shall keep the tombs monuments, etc., in good order and repair, to the satisfaction of the Local Authority or their officer and should they fail to make any repair that may be called for by the Local Authority or their Officer within thirty days after written notice shall have been given to them to do so, the Local Authority or their Officer may either have the repairs done or cause the tomb or other erection to be removed at the proprietors expense, and recover the cost of doing so by process of law and no interment in such ground shall be permitted until that expense be first paid. The Local Authority or their Officer may prune all planting, and even remove the same, if it shall be the opinion of the Local Authority or their Officer that, by the spreading of the roots, branches, or growth, damage may be done to the adjoining grounds.
14. The hewing or dressing of stones, or operations of any other description, except in the dressing of the sites or lairs, shall on no account be permitted within the Cemetery or in the approaches thereto: and all rubbish or refuse remaining after the erection of monuments or other operations, duly sanctioned, shall be immediately removed, at the sight and under the direction of the Officer in Charge of the Cemetery, at the expense of the owners of the ground or of the person executing the work.



15. No more than one Flower Vase will be permitted on any one lair, and vases will be removed by the Officer in Charge of the Cemetery in the event of their becoming unsightly or damaged. All flowers placed upon lairs will be removed by the Local Authority or their officer immediately they show signs of decay.

16. Visitors to the Cemetery shall on no account walk or trespass upon the lairs or the shrubbery, or pull the flowers, or in any way damage the shrubs or trees.

No person shall enter upon or depart from the grounds in any other way than by the entrance gates.

Children under twelve years of age visiting the grounds must be accompanied by their parents or guardians.

**No dogs shall be permitted within the grounds.**

17. Free access will be given to all decent and orderly persons to view the grounds during such hours as the Local Authority may from time to time determine. The Officer of the Council or other person in charge shall be entitled to remove any person or persons who may conduct themselves improperly, and prevent persons entering at prohibited times. The Cemetery shall be open from sunrise to sunset daily.

18. Persons infringing any of the Rules of the Cemetery will be prosecuted.

19. Should any difference or dispute arise as to the real intent, meaning or interpretation of these Rules and Regulations, or in any matter regarding the Cemetery, the same shall be taken up and disposed off by the Local Authority, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

20. The Local Authority may alter all or any of the Rules when they see cause, and enact others in their room and place.

Made by Order of the Falkirk Council on first April, 1996 and as subsequently amended.

Mary Pitcaithly  
Chief Executive

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Register of Interments	
Name	Date