

# *Do's & Don'ts for Mt. Hope Cemetery*

## *Rules and Regulations As of April 2024*

The Town maintains Mt. Hope Cemetery with the goal of preserving its solemn and respectful atmosphere.

**The following items are prohibited:**

- Artificial decorations, breakable vases, pinwheels, bird houses, statutes, figurines, dolls, bottles, trinkets, signs, hanging decorations, glass objects, or similar
- Artificial flowers, plants, or turf
- Potted or planted plants, trees, shrubs, vines, or etc. Banners, including those at ground level to cover the grave
- Balloons
- Candles, open flames, and solar lights or lanterns
- Lawn furniture or seating
- Fencing, trellises, or edging of any type
- Mulch, pebbles, gravel, rocks, blocks, stones, and similar ground covering materials
- Any items interfering with the safety, ease of maintenance, and visual appeal of the cemetery

**The following items may be placed in or around gravesites:**

- Suitable, non-breakable, durable vases or approved containers may be used for live flowers (jars, cans, and similar are not allowed)
- Flags and/or wreaths in the months of May, November, and December
- Above ground markers, headstones, and benches after review & approval by Town staff
- Flowers may be left for a maximum of 7 days and should then be discarded (flowers should be removed earlier if they become unsightly due to fading or wilting)

Town employees may remove any items without notice to ensure safety, ease of maintenance, and visual appeal of the cemetery grounds and are not responsible for items left at grave sites. The Town may discard any items removed and is not responsible for replacing or returning them or reimbursing anyone for the cost of these items. The Town of Southern Pines and its employees are not responsible for any items left at grave sites. At the discretion of its employees, the Town may remove any items without prior notice in order to ensure safety, ease of maintenance, and visual appeal of the cemetery grounds. The Town may discard any items removed and is not responsible for replacing or returning them or reimbursing anyone for the cost of these items. A violation of this section is subject to the penalty provided in § 10.99(A).

**Purchaser Acknowledgment of the above rules:**

Name:

Address:

**To Purchase a Plot: (910) 692-2206      Find Records & Site Location: (910) 692-2971**  
**Report a Maintenance Need: (910) 692-4863**

**Above ground grave markers, headstones, and benches can be placed at personal expense in Mt. Hope Cemetery after review and approval of the Town of Southern Pines.**

**Name of person making the request:**

**Phone number(s):**

**Email address:**

**Name(s) of the deceased:**

**Plot number:**

**Horizontal marker**

**Headstone**

**Bench**

**Dimensions:**

**Height**

**Width**

**Length**

**Materials used (stone or concrete):**

**Please attach a picture or drawing of the item, or sample, for review.**

**Submit Permit or emailed to [ub@southernpines.net](mailto:ub@southernpines.net) or hand delivered to Town of Southern Pines, Billing and Collections, 180 SE Broad Street, Southern Pines 28387.**

**FOR TOWN USE ONLY**

**Account #**

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