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By-Laws of the Cemetery Committee of Christ-St. Paul's Parish May 1, 2013

ARTICLE I — Purchase of Burial Rights

Section I

Purchasers of burial rights shall be from the community of St. Paul's Parish or have a family connection to the church or parish. The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of Christ-St. Paul's will issue a contract for burial rights and no burial will take place in a lot for which a contract has not been issued.

Section II

In case of questions of eligibility, the final decision shall rest with the Vestry or its designated committee.

Section III

Christ—St. Paul's has to be notified in writing of any changes in burial rights holders and any and all burials. During the life of the burial rights holder, the rights to the plot or a portion thereof may be transferred only to an immediate family member. Exceptions shall require approval of the Vestry. At the death of the burial rights holder, if ownership has not been transferred, burial rights may be transferred to any other immediate family member. If ownership is disputed among immediate family members, then a certified copy of a duly probated will with proof of executor will be required.

a. Change of Address of Lot Owners:

It shall be the duty of the burial rights holder to notify Christ—St. Paul's Church of any change in his post office address. Notice sent to the lot holder at the last address on file shall be considered sufficient and proper for any legal notification. If no current burial rights holder is on file and none can be found, the burial plot will revert back to the Church.

Section IV

The full purchase price is required, due and payable at the time of purchase.

Section V

Any exceptions to the By-Laws shall require the approval of the Vestry.

ARTICLE II — Monuments and Plots

Section 1

No monument may be placed in the cemetery without first obtaining permission from the Cemetery Committee of the Vestry. The following rules pertain to monuments:

a. Plot Size:

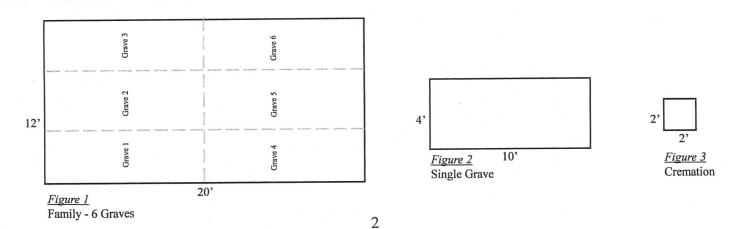
<u>Family Plots at St. Paul's Cemetery (6 graves)</u> are twelve (12) feet by twenty (20) feet with the head of plot facing west — that side being twelve (12) feet in length. (Figure 1)

<u>Family Plots at Christ Church Cemetery (8 graves)</u> are generally seventeen (17) feet by twenty (20) feet with the head of the plot facing west — that side being 17 feet in length.

Single Plot: Four (4) feet by ten (10) feet, with the head of plot facing west — that side being four (4) feet in length. (Figure 2)

<u>Cremation Plot:</u> In the *Cremation Garden*, burial plots are two (2) feet by two (2) feet with the head of the stone facing west. No more than one burial per cremation lot is allowed. (Figure 3)

<u>Double Burials:</u> Family Plots may be used for cremations. Not more than one body, or the cremated remains of 2 bodies shall be in any one grave. Single Plots may be purchased for 2 cremation burials; however, the number of cremation interments shall not be greater than the number of permitted interments on a standard size lot. Raised memorial stones will be limited to one per space. Second burial must use a flat marker.



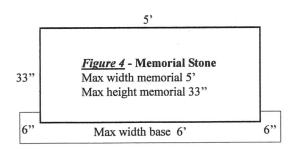
b. <u>Memorial Size and Placement:</u> All foundations must be below ground level, everything above ground level must be smooth granite.

<u>Coping Around Lots</u> is no longer permitted due to difficulty of maintenance. Existing coping must be maintained by the burial rights holder or his immediate family, or hire it done within the confines of the coping.

<u>Family Plot Memorial Stones:</u> (*Figure 4*) The width of a family memorial stone shall not exceed five (5) feet with a base of up to six (6) inches at each end. The Memorial stone will be placed in the center of the lot and aligned north and south. Any individual markers used in six–grave plots will be placed in alignment on the east and west boundaries of the plot. (*Figure 5*)

(Figure 5) — Individual markers may not exceed eighteen inches (18" or 1'6") by thirty inches (30" or 2'6") nor shall they project more than four (4) inches above ground. All stones are to be on the plot

itself, not on the adjoining soil.



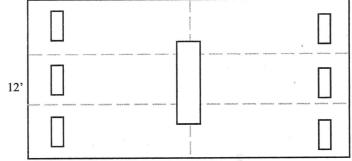
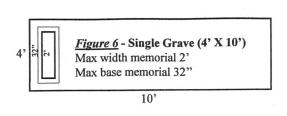
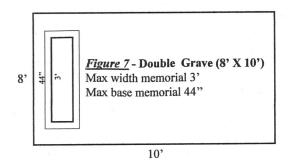


Figure 5 - Family Plot (6 graves)
Family Memorial Centered
Individual Memorial Markers —
18"X30" Max Size - No more than 4" above ground

<u>Single and Double Plot Memorial Stones:</u> Single or two-grave plots shall have memorials placed at the head of the grave, on the west side, and will rest upon the plot itself. The size of the memorial for a single grave plot (*Figure 6*) may not exceed two (2) feet in length (plus a base of up to four (4) inches on each side—for a total of thirty—two (32) inches. The size of a memorial for a two-grave plot (*Figure 7*) shall not exceed three (3) feet plus a base of up to 4 inches on each side—for a total of forty—four (44) inches.





<u>Cremation Markers:</u> Individual cremation markers must be a uniform, flat marker designated by the Cemetery Committee and fit within the 2'X2' plot.

<u>Height of Memorial Stones:</u> No memorial stone on any plot shall exceed the height of thirty-three (33) inches including the base.

<u>Composition:</u> All monuments and markers shall be of first quality granite, marble, or other natural stone, the quarrier or supplier of stone to agree with the Cemetery Committee of the Vestry that such material will be free of sap and components which cause rust stains and from natural faults which might cause checks or cracks. Memorials of cement, artificial stone, composition, wood, tin, or iron will not be permitted.

Article III — Exceptions to Memorial Design Regulations

Exceptions to the memorial design regulations may be made where one or more stones already exist on a family plot. This will allow new stones to be in conformity.

Article IV — Use of Protector Boxes (Vaults)

Caskets must be placed into Protective Boxes (vaults) for burial. Composition may be concrete, metal, or fiberglass. No burials shall be made without the use of a Protective Box.

Article V — Cremation Burials and Vaults

Only one cremation may be buried in the 2'X2' Cremation Urn Garden plot. All cremation urns in single or family—size lots must be in vaults and vaults must be buried at least eighteen (18") inches below ground. Two cremations may be placed in a single-size or full-size family plot, affording the use of larger headstones, if that is the desire of the burial rights holder. Only one upright headstone per grave is permitted, with the second being a flat marker. No ashes may be scattered above ground; however, ashes may be buried directly into the ground. Direct burial in the ground equates to a cremation burial in these By—Laws.

Article VI — Decoration of Graves

No planting of live flowers, trees, or shrubs shall be made within the grave plots and nothing shall be planted within the walkways between the plots. Decoration of graves shall be with live flowers, either potted or cut. The grantor discourages the use of any artificial flowers whatsoever. However, if the need is felt strongly, then the grantor will require the finest silk flowers and only one arrangement per grave is permitted. The flowers should not be allowed to become weather worn. If they do, the grantor reserves the right to remove them. No decorations such as bird feeders, bird baths, benches, etc. may be placed without permission from the Cemetery Committee. Planting of ivy or any trailing vines is expressly forbidden.

Article VII — Unused Plot Ownership

If the owner of the burial rights is no longer alive and if after fifty (50) years no burial has been made in any plot, ownership of burial rights in that plot shall revert to the church, or whatever body may be responsible for the cemetery at that time. If the owner of the burial rights dies, and burial privileges are not exercised by the immediate family, the rights revert to the church.

Article VIII — Cemetery Maintenance

Overall maintenance of the cemetery grounds is the responsibility of the Cemetery Committee of Christ–St. Paul's Church. The care of a particular lot or site is the responsibility of the person who owns the burial rights and his immediate family. Burial Rights owners are required to see that it is maintained in a reasonable attractive condition so that the general well kept appearance of the cemetery will be enhanced.

Article IX — Cemetery Maintenance Cost

The cemetery operates as a non-profit entity and is therefore dependent on the generous donations of those we serve. As maintneance cost continue to rise, our donations have not kept up with our expenditures. If we are to maintain the cemetery in its present condition, we encourage everyone to donate to our annual fundraising drive.

Article X — Protection from Loss or Damage

We will follow the rules of the *Cemetery By–Laws* in order to protect the rights of our burial rights holders. We will strive to take all reasonable precautions to protect all graves from loss or damage; but we disclaim all responsibility for loss or damages from causes beyond our reasonable control.