

DENVER COMMUNITY CEMETERY POLICY & BY-LAWS

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- A. The purchasers of the right to be buried in the Denver Community Cemetery shall abide by this policy and by-laws as written and approved by the Denver United Methodist Church's (DUMC) Cemetery Committee, Trustees and Church Administrative Board. The policy and by-laws may be amended periodically by these same committees.
1. Who can be buried in the Denver Community Cemetery?
 - Any blood relative of a family who has previously been buried in this Cemetery (if space is available in the family plot)
 - One who has an existing family plot going back no further than 3 generations (ie child, parent, grandparent).
 - Must be a resident of Denver, NC having lived within a three (3) mile radius from the intersection of NC Business Route 16 N and Campground Road.
 - A previous resident who has had to relocate (I.E. move to a nursing home or moved in with a family member in another area).
2. It should be understood that DUMC, through its Cemetery Committee, does not sell real estate, but merely grants the right to be buried in a gravesite and therefore the gravesite will remain the full authority and control of DUMC. No gravesite can be willed, given, sold or the right transferred.
3. The cemetery has markers for each gravesite block. Regular gravesites are four feet by ten feet. A plat of the cemetery is maintained by DUMC's Cemetery Committee.
4. All reserved gravesites are recorded and kept in a Ledger. At the time of purchase a receipt will be issued to the purchaser and a copy filed with the DUMC business manager. The purchase transaction will be recorded in the Ledger listing all information by Block #, Name of purchaser, Plot letter, Price, Check #, Check amount and Date paid. The ledger will be kept in a secure location at DUMC.
5. For both regular and cremation gravesites, a fee for the right of burial will be \$700.
6. ALL FEES ARE PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF SELECTION.
- B. To reserve a plot:
 1. The Cemetery Committee will review the ledger periodically to determine if any gravesites are eligible to be returned to DUMC. If for any reason the purchased plots are not used for the person for whom they were purchased, the plots must be returned to DUMC for the original purchase price. No gravesite can be willed, given, sold or ownership transferred.
 2. At any time prior to use, the fee for the right of burial can be refunded for the amount originally paid. Once monies are returned, the site will be added back to the inventory of available grave sites.
 3. The DUMC Cemetery Committee has the authority to handle the financial situation of indigent cases and to make an annual budget for the upkeep of the cemetery including landscaping.
 4. The Cemetery Committee requires as a condition for burial, within six (6) months of burial, placing of a marker, either bronze or stone, for both regular and cremation sites. The grave marker can not exceed the confines of the grave, except for those situations of adjoining family burials, the marker can be placed equally on both graves. All markers are to be in line. Retractable vases, placed on the marker, are required. Coping or any type border is not allowed. No shrubbery will be placed on graves or corner markers of plots. Flowers may not be planted in the cemetery.
 5. For regular (4'X10') burials a concrete liner is required. For cremations, a liner is not required. Scattering of cremains is not permitted in this cemetery.
 6. The funeral director, or whoever opens the grave, must notify DUMC's Cemetery Committee at least 24 hours prior to actual interment. Additionally, the funeral director, or whoever opens the grave, will be required to properly cover the ground adjacent to the gravesite with a suitable material for the placement of earth removed for the grave. Sod will be removed before digging the grave and retained for replacement. The funeral director, or whoever closes the grave, will be responsible for removing any

excess earth to area designated by the Cemetery Committee. The new grave will be left in a neat and orderly condition. Additional sod or repairs may be required as determined by the Cemetery Committee. The opening and closing of either type burial must adhere to statutes of the State of North Carolina and the rules of the State Board of Health, in place at the time of the burial and DUMC's Policy and By Laws. As example, but not limited to, placing the full-size liner or cremains container at a minimum of 18 inches deep.

7. Removal of the flowers following the funeral will be the responsibility of the family or church landscape contractor. This will be done within seven days following the burial.
8. Seasonal floral arrangements are encouraged but should be removed in a timely manner. When arrangements become unsightly, they will be removed by the church landscape contractor.
9. The Cemetery Committee will be responsible for the accuracy and keeping of the Ledger.
10. **CREMATION:** Cremains of two persons may be buried in one regular gravesite, a marker for each person or a joint single marker may be used. In either case the marker can not exceed the confines of the single (4'X10') burial site.
11. The Cemetery Committee and DUMC shall be indemnified in the following manner: The installer shall be responsible for all liability arising from or by reason of the acts of its employees' work at DUMC Community Cemetery. The installer agrees to indemnify and hold harmless DUMC and Cemetery Committee, including those bodily injury, property damage or negligence which occurs due to actual or alleged charges in connection with performance of and arising from acts of the installer, his employees, agents, subcontractors, or general supervision by DUMC and Cemetery Committee, except for injury or damage resulting from the sole negligence of DUMC and Cemetery Committee.
12. Exhume/Disinterment of a body's remains from a grave in Denver Community Cemetery whether for the purpose of relocation or for any other reason shall be arranged by a licensed funeral home director and shall be done in accordance with the requirements or the statutes of the State of North Carolina and the rules of the State Board of Health. Fees for such services, as well as any damages that might occur to adjacent lots, will be the sole responsibility of the person who originally purchased the right to be buried or heirs.