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**THE MUSLIM CEMETERY OF THE ISLAMIC CENTER OF CONNECTICUT REGULATIONS**

**The CEMETERY and all GRAVESITES MUST be maintained at all times in accordance with the QURAN and SUNNAH and NOT based on personal or cultural traditions.**

<b>Cemetery Management</b>	
1.	The Muslim Cemetery and all gravesites is the property of the Islamic Center of Connecticut, Inc.
2.	The Islamic Center of Connecticut, Inc. reserves the right to allow or deny the burial of a deceased person at 96 N. Maple Street for any reason and without any liability.
3.	The Islamic Center of Connecticut Inc. hereby shall take preventive and legal measures to enforce these rules and regulations.
4.	No grave shall be purchased or booked.
5.	The sequence of graves shall be followed without exception.
6.	It is unlawful to: i) misuse cemetery property, ii) to deface any sign or notice set by ICC on the site, iii) to engage in any recreational activity, iv) to walk or allow any dog to roam, v) to have intoxicating liquors or be intoxicated, vi) to park or drive any vehicle on the grass or among graves, vii) to enter or remain in the cemetery for the wrong reason or at the wrong time, viii) loiter or gather in groups without prior permission of the owner or its representative, ix) make loud and raucous noise or disturbance, x) erect a fence, hedge, railing to enclose a lot.
7.	Cemetery hours of operations are daily from Sunrise to Sunset.

<b>Gravesite Management</b>	
1.	No monument, table, candle, light, object, tomb stone or head stone or grave marker is to be installed or erected around or on the lot except with the expressed written approval of the Cemetery Committee of the Islamic Center of Connecticut, Inc.
2.	ANY approved tomb stone or head stone MUST conform to the dimensions of 24" x 16" x 10" and be installed flush to ground level.
3.	Inscriptions of ANY approved tomb stone or head stone MUST conform to the following requirements: i) The name and date of death of the deceased may be inscribed in a plain, non-fancy manner on the head stone. ii) No Qur’anic verse, hadith, supplication, poetry or prose shall be inscribed on the head stone. iii) The Islamic Center of Connecticut, Inc. or its representative reserves the right to remove, without prior notice, ANY head stone not conforming to the Islamic Center of Connecticut, Inc.'s posted regulations. iv) ALL violations MUST be corrected by the representatives of the deceased or family members within 30 days upon receipt of written notice. v) The Islamic Center of Connecticut reserves the right to take any preventive measures against any lawsuit.
4.	No animal, of any kind, shall be buried within the Cemetery.
5.	No trees, shrubs, flowers, wreath or tree branches shall be allowed on or around the gravesite. Violators shall be asked to clean up or to pay for cleaning services.
6.	No person shall be allowed to remove or relocate any body once buried unless authorized by a competent court or magistrate.
7.	All graves will be kept flush to ground level. No mounds, structures, monuments or tombs of any type will be allowed.
8.	The follow acts at the gravesite are strictly prohibited: i) Plastering a grave, ii) Building up a grave, iii) Raising a grave, iv) Writing on a grave.
9.	The following acts are strictly prohibited within the Cemetery grounds: i) Saying things that would anger Allah, ii) Facing the gravesite in prayer, iii) Reciting the Quran over the gravesite, iv) Sacrificing animals at or near the gravesite, v) Sitting and standing on any gravesite, vi) Answering the call of nature or urinating among the gravesites, vii) Lamenting over the gravesites, viii) Hanging or placing the deceased's picture on or near the gravesite.

<b>Burial Process</b>	
1.	Funeral homes and families must comply with the authentic Islamic burial regulations. Violators will be subject to legal action.
2.	No internment shall be made without a proper burial permit.
3.	No internment shall be made unless a relative/personal representative of the deceased fills in and signs the Islamic Center of Connecticut, Inc.'s cemetery burial agreement.
4.	The burial permit and the cemetery burial agreement MUST be handed over to the grave digger appointed by Islamic Center of Connecticut, Inc. prior to burial.
5.	Digging a grave is the exclusive and sole responsibility of the grave digger appointed by Islamic Center of Connecticut, Inc. Violators will be considered trespassers.
6.	The deceased shall be laid in the grave on his/her right side facing the Qibla (direction of prayer).
7.	No object shall be buried with the deceased.
8.	No one shall be allowed to uncover the deceased's body in part or in total in the grave, at the gravesite, or anywhere within the Cemetery grounds.
9.	Night burial is disapproved except in situations of necessity.
10.	Burial is prohibited at sunrise, sunset and when the sun is in the zenith.
11.	Women are not allowed to follow the funeral procession and the burial procedure under the Islamic law unless there are no men to do so.