
Burial Memorandum

The Islamic Center of Connecticut is responsible with honoring the memory and dignity of the deceased as they are laid to rest at our Muslim cemetery located at 96 N. Maple Street, Enfield, CT. Similarly, we are tasked with maintaining the cemetery for everyone whose loved ones are buried therein. For the sake of maintaining the graveyard and upholding our Islamic values, please see below regarding our burial procedures and processes:

a) General

- 1) ICCT will logistically handle arrangements of the deceased’s last rites pertaining to communicating with the funeral home, the *ghusl* of the body, the *janaza* prayer, and the burial
- 2) Viewing of the body is to be conducted at a funeral home. At no time will the body be uncovered for viewing at the graveyard
- 3) Unless authorized by a competent court or magistrate, at no time may anyone remove/transfer the deceased from a grave at the ICCT Muslim cemetery

b) Grave

- 4) The deceased’s grave as well as the entire cemetery is the exclusive property of the ICCT. Though the deceased is laid to rest in that grave, the actual grave site continues to be under ICCT’s ownership
- 5) Burial permit and the cemetery burial agreement must be given to the grave digger appointed by ICCT before the burial
- 6) Digging a grave is the exclusive and sole responsibility of the grave digger appointed by ICCT. Outside grave diggers not approved by ICCT and are not permitted
- 7) The deceased will be laid to rest in sequence of the current graves that have already been used. At this time, ICCT cannot place the deceased in a different sequence
- 8) The deceased will be placed in a non-biodegradable box before being lowered into the grave. The box is required by Enfield town ordinances
- 9) Graves are kept leveled to the ground and maintained regularly by the Muslim cemetery staff
- 10) No form of structures or boundaries are permitted to be built on or around the grave at any time. Doing so will result in their removal
- 11) Families may lay flowers on their loved one’s gravesite. Though, they will be disposed of once shriveled
- 12) No trees, shrubs, plants, or stones, are to be planted into or around the grave. Doing so will result in their removal
- 13) No benches, chairs, any kind of furniture, or light fixtures shall be placed into or around the grave. Doing so will result in their removal

c) Headstone:

- 14) Headstones must be approved in writing by ICCT
- 15) Approved headstones must conform to the dimensions of 24" x 16"x 10" (see attached sample)
- 16) Headstones shall be placed on a 24" deep concrete foundation

d) Visitation

- 17) Families and friends are welcome and encouraged to visit their loved ones at the Muslim cemetery
- 18) Visiting hours are from sunrise—when the cemetery opens, until sunset—when the cemetery closes. Pedestrian gate shall be use for entrance and exit
- 19) Pets, holding large gatherings without prior permission, being loud, recreational activities, and defacing any signage are not allowed at the Muslim cemetery

By signing below on the date of _____, the family/representative of the deceased agrees to abide by the above injunctions. ICCT holds the right to hold to account those who do not abide by the above.

Representative of Deceased

Funeral Director Representative

ICCT Authorized Representative

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

Cell #: _____