

# **HOME OF PEACE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

## **POLICY NUMBER 1**

### **Prior Approval from the Board of Directors is Required before Shrubbery, Trees, Flowers or Other Vegetation May Be Planted at the Home of Peace Cemetery**

**Purpose** – This policy establishes the necessity to exercise control of the planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, or other vegetation within the boundaries of the Home of Peace Cemetery.

Grounds maintenance personnel must have unimpeded access for mowing and edging around grave markers and headstones. Some plantings in memory of loved ones may impede this access and make it difficult to keep the cemetery grounds neat and well maintained. In addition, flowers and small potted plants placed at grave sites are left there to die, detracting from the beauty of the cemetery grounds, and causing additional work for maintenance personnel.

**Scope** – This policy applies to all members and friends of the Home of Peace Cemetery Association.

**Background** – There has previously been an informal requirement that plantings at the cemetery required prior approval from the board of directors.

**Policy** – The policy of the Home of Peace Cemetery Association is to maintain the Home of Peace Cemetery as a beautiful and well-maintained place of serenity. This new policy establishes that only the board of directors can authorize plantings at Home of Peace. Notice of this policy will be promulgated through the Association's web site and by other means to notify family and friends of deceased members that instead of remembrances of flowers or other vegetation that it is more appropriate to honor and remember their loved ones by making a contribution to the Home of Peace Cemetery maintenance fund.

**Procedure** – Only the board of directors may authorize the planting of anything at Home of Peace and the board maintains the right to remove any plantings or flowers or other vegetation at the cemetery.

*Adopted by the Board of Directors on March 11, 2015*