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### **Muslim Section Lot Ownership and Burials at Lakeview Cemetery DRAFT-- 8.22, 2012, edited 10.03.12**

#### Protocols for Owning and Using Lots in Muslim Section

1. Lot Ownership
  - A. Only members of the Muslim faith may own lots in the Muslim Section. A member of The Islamic Society of Vermont Executive Committee must authorize lot purchase by confirming in writing on the Grave Opening Authorization form that the prospective owner is a member of the Muslim faith.
  - B. If lots are purchased in advance of any imminent burials (so that a Grave Opening Authorization form will not be applicable), a member of The Islamic Society of Vermont Executive Committee must confirm in writing that the prospective owner is a member of the Muslim faith.
  
2. Interments
  - A. Only members of the Muslim faith may be interred in the Muslim Section. The Islamic Society of Vermont Executive Committee members (see below) must authorize all interments by confirming that the person to be interred is a member of the Muslim faith.
  - B. Concrete vaults with holes in the bottom must be used, but coffins are not required.
  - C. City of Burlington employees are not required to handle the body of the deceased.
  - D. Dirt may be added to the vault with the body. City of Burlington employees are not required to assist with this task.
  - E. City of Burlington employees will complete the interment once the lid has been placed on the vault.
  
3. Markers
  - A. As with all lots in City-owned cemeteries, the lot owner must sign a Work Order Authorization supplied by a Monument Dealer before any markers are installed.
  - B. The original agreement between the City of Burlington and the Islamic Society of Vermont did not specify any restriction on the height or design on monuments, but the necessary width maximum that applies to all lots at Lakeview Cemetery is assumed.
  - C. Markers are installed at the south end of the lots.

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#### Criteria for Burial in Muslim Section

All Burials in the Muslim Section of Lakeview Cemetery must meet with the Islamic criteria. The City of Burlington is not responsible ensuring this. In general, males will be buried on the west side of the section, and females on the east side, but it is not the City of Burlington's responsibility to ensure this.

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