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GRAVEYARD REGULATIONS (revised February 2026)

1. The right to use a graveyard plot may be granted to persons who are or have been members of the Congregation. Those who are subscribers to Congregational funds will be charged at the rate for the time being levied for a similar plot by Derry and Strabane Council, plus £50. (The current charge is £290 per plot). Non-contributors will be charged the rate for the time being levied for a similar plot by Derry and Strabane Council, plus 20%, plus £50 (the current charge is £338). A "subscriber to Congregational funds" is defined as a person who has paid at least £100 into congregational funds in each of the two financial years preceding the year in which an application for the right of burial is made.

2. If a right of burial is acquired in advance, a specific plot will only be allocated when required for burial. Specific plots may not normally be reserved in advance, except that, if, at the time of an interment, a family purchases further rights of burial, a request may be made to the Committee for the reservation of adjacent plots (if available and at the absolute discretion of the Committee). Such additional and adjacent plots may only be used for the interment of members of the same family.

3. Wreaths placed on graves at the time of a funeral will be removed if they are still in place after six months. A proper and appropriate vase for flowers may be left in place permanently but, in order to maintain a good standard in the graveyard, informal pots, such as jam pots, are not permitted. If a headstone is to be erected, the base should include a place for the vase.

4. At the appropriate time (which could be up to 9 months after interment, depending on season, weather and ground conditions), the Committee will ensure that the grave is level and grassed. Thereafter, future maintenance of the grave (other than grass-cutting) will be the responsibility of the family)

5. A single headstone, without surrounds, may be erected on each plot. Two headstones may be erected on a double plot provided both plots are being used by the same family. A sketch of any proposed headstone must be submitted to the Congregational Committee for approval in advance and consent for the design of the headstone obtained in writing before any work is commenced. No other structures or furniture may be erected or placed on graves without written consent from the Committee.

6. The Congregational Committee may, in the interests of the good management and maintenance of the graveyard, amend these Regulations at any time or add new Regulations.

Signed: Trevor Evans Congregational Secretary