

**WARWICK SHIRE COUNCIL
SUBORDINATE LOCAL LAW NO. 18
(LOCAL GOVERNMENT CEMETERIES)**

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- To be read with:** Local Law No. 18 (Local Government Cemeteries)
- Application:** To all cemeteries under the control and or management of the Warwick Shire Council.
- Date Resolved:** 22 March 2006

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. This subordinate local law may be cited as Subordinate Local Law No. 18 (Local Government Cemeteries).

Objects

2. The object of this subordinate local law is to assist in the implementation of and define specifics within Local Law No. 18 (Local Government Cemeteries) referred to herein as “the Local Law”.

Definitions

3. Where an expression used in this subordinate local law is defined in Local Law No. 18 (Local Government Cemeteries), it has the meaning given in that definition unless it is otherwise defined in this section.

The meanings are defined in the dictionary in the Schedule attached to Local Law No. 18 (Local Government Cemeteries).

PART 2- LICENCES

Standard conditions of Licences

4. All licences for disposal of human remains in a local government cemetery will be issued subject to the following conditions:
 - (b) Death Certificate or Coroner’s Certificate to be made available for viewing by an authorised officer of the local government prior to interment.
 - (c) Authorised Council officer to be advised of proposed number of interments for grave.
 - (d) Payment of all appropriate fees to be finalised in advance of interment unless prior arrangements have been made with the local government.
 - (e) Authorised local government officer to be advised of dimensions of grave.
 - (f) Remains are enclosed in a coffin or other form of container appropriate to the proposed form of disposal.

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5. All licences for erection or installation of a memorial to a deceased person in a local government cemetery will be issued subject to the following conditions:
- (a) Full description of work to be provided in writing, including a diagram and dimensions;
 - (b) Prescribed fee to be paid prior to any work commencing, unless prior approval has been received in writing from an authorised officer of the local government;
 - (c) Work is not to commence until written approval has been received from the local government;
6. All licences for disposal of human remains outside a cemetery will be issued subject to the following conditions:
- (a) Death Certificate or Coroner's Certificate to be made available for viewing by an authorised officer of the local government prior to interment
 - (b) Remains are enclosed in a coffin or other form of container appropriate to the proposed form of disposal.
 - (c) Remains, if not cremated, to be disposed of in a grave of dimensions as defined in Section 4 of this subordinate local law.
 - (d) Written authority for disposal from property owner to be presented to authorised officer of the local government prior to disposal.

PART 3 – MANAGEMENT POLICY

Access to Graves

7. Family members and other legitimately interested parties will be given unhindered access to grave sites.

Grave-side tributes

8. Family members and other legitimately interested parties have the right to leave floral tributes at the site subject to the following conditions:
- (a) All areas outside the dimensions of the grave are the responsibility of the local government and are not to be maintained or repaired by others unless under contract or agreement with the local authority or with the express written permission of an authorised officer of the local government.
 - (b) Tributes may be removed by an authorised officer of the local government at his/her discretion;
 - (c) Floral receptacles are to meet the following standards:
 - Maximum 10 centimetres in diameter and 45 centimetres in height per receptacle;
 - Maximum of three (3) receptacles per grave, or

- Three-in-one framed receptacle;
- Receptacles are NOT to be constructed of glass or perspex or any other substance that could reasonably be expected to shatter if struck (regardless of age);

PART 4 – GENERAL

Dimensions of plots

8. The width and length of all plots will be a standard 1.2 metre by 2.4 metre dimension. The depth of the grave will be dependant on the number of proposed interments into a particular grave. The following are minimum depths that graves shall be dug:

- *Proposed single interment:* 1.5 metres
- *Proposed double interment:* 2.2 metres
- *Proposed triple interment:* 2.5 metres

N.B.: A maximum of three interments per grave will be permitted by the Local Government.

Re-opening of graves

9. Graves can only be re-opened following interment within the following timeframes:
- Within 6 months of previous interment;
 - After 12 months of previous interment;