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**Memorandum  
Cemetery Protection Policy**

To: All Permit and Plan Applicants

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RE: New Cemetery Protection Policy for Permit and Plan Submissions

A property owner/developer must preserve an onsite cemetery as follows:

1. Grading, construction, or subsurface disturbance with 25 feet of the cemetery boundary is prohibited.
2. If a developer professionally surveys the cemetery, the boundary of no disturbance may be decreased to 15 feet from the surveyed cemetery boundary.
  - a. If a developer elects to professionally survey the boundaries of the cemetery, the following methods must be utilized:
    - i. Historic or archival documentation;
    - ii. Professional archaeology;
    - iii. Geophysical survey methods; and/or
    - iv. Other approved nondestructive techniques.
3. To protect the cemetery, prior to construction, orange blaze safety fencing must be installed to delineate the aforementioned boundary of no disturbance.

All plan submissions (including site plan, plot plan, and grading plan) are required to provide a narrative description and map identifying the location of cemeteries and known historic and archaeological resources on the site.