

**REGULATIONS FOR BURIAL GROUNDS  
IN MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL AREA  
(to be read in conjunction with Adopted Bye-Laws)**

- (1) Under bye-law 12, graves will be allocated in consecutive order and shall only be allocated when required for burial. Headstones/Monuments shall be erected so that they form back to back lines.  
Single and double grave spaces are to be issued by the Burial Ground Registrar only. Double grave spaces shall be allocated where the Burial Ground Registrar is satisfied that a single grave space would not meet the needs of the applicant. In the event of three or more spaces being applied for, a special request shall be submitted to the Council.
- (2) Under bye-law 18, headstones shall not exceed 1.5 metres in height except in the case of traditional Celtic Crosses, which may be allowed up to a maximum height of 2 metres. Additional adornments to be allowed at the corners of the grave provided they do not extend 0.45 metres in height above ground level and do not extend outside the curtilage of the grave.
- (3) Charges for grave spaces shall be as established by Mayo County Council and revised annually and are measured as follows:
- (4)
  - (a) Single Grave Space 2.75m x 1.25m
  - (b) Double Grave Space 2.75m x 2.5m
  - (c) Treble Grave Space 2.75m x 3.75m
- (4) Under bye-law 17(c) Public liability for operational activities carried out by monumental sculptors must be at least **€6.5 million** and indemnify Mayo County Council. An up to date public liability certificate must be submitted on a yearly basis.
- (5) Under bye-law 21, the foundation for the headstone shall be cast as a single unit. The foundation shall be constructed of good quality concrete with an 8-day crushing strength of not less than 30N/mm<sup>2</sup>. The minimum dimensions shall be 300mm deep by 225mm wide. It shall contain minimum reinforcement of 4 No. 12mm mild steel bars, 2 of which shall be located near the lower face of the foundation and 2 of which shall be located near the upper face of the foundation. The steel will have minimum cover on all sides of 50mm. The foundation shall be entirely within the boundaries of the burial plot, which it is enclosing. Full details of construction should be agreed with the Council before commencement of work.
- (6) Under bye-law 30, in order to assist external contractors in complying with Health & Safety legislation, the Council recommends the use of the Safe System of Work Plan (SSWP) for working in burial grounds.  
[www.hsa.ie](http://www.hsa.ie) should be accessed for further information.