

H24. Special Purpose - Cemetery Zone

H24.1. Zone Description

The purpose of this zone is to appropriately manage cemeteries in Auckland by enabling ongoing use and development of cemeteries and related activities. The provisions seek to mitigate impacts on the surrounding environment and recognise that the open spacious appearance, landscaping and quiet environment of cemeteries can contribute to local amenity values.

The Special Purpose - Cemetery Zone applies to cemeteries across Auckland. New cemeteries will be subject to a plan change to manage the location of these facilities relative to existing community facilities, transport infrastructure and surrounding existing and future activities.

Some rules only apply to cemeteries greater than 20ha to recognise the unique roles that large scale cemeteries play. This recognises and enables the ongoing operation, maintenance and development of cemeteries appropriate to their scale.

H24.2. Objectives

- (1) Cemeteries are appropriately located and managed to meet the needs of the community.
- (2) Cemeteries are managed to maintain or enhance the local environment and amenity values.

H24.3. Policies

- (1) Enable the continued operation of existing cemeteries by providing for cemeteries, crematoria and accessory activities.
- (2) Limit the scale of accessory activities and buildings to:
 - (a) retain the spacious characteristics of the cemetery; and
 - (b) be proportionate to the scale and surrounding context of the cemetery.
- (3) Encourage new cemeteries to be located in a manner that effectively service the community's needs by being:
 - (a) accessible; and
 - (b) appropriate to surrounding existing and future activities.

H24.4. Activity table

Table H24.4.1 specifies the activity status of land use activities in the Special Purpose - Cemetery Zone pursuant to section 9(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Table H24.4.1 Activity Table

Activity		Activity status
Use		
(A1)	Activities not provided for	D
(A2)	Crematoria, mausoleums and any other buildings that do not comply with the standards	D
(A3)	Workers' accommodation within cemeteries greater than 20ha	P
(A4)	Cemeteries excluding crematoria	P
(A5)	New crematoria	D
(A6)	Replacement of existing crematoria	P
(A7)	Mausoleums	P
(A8)	Parks maintenance	P
(A9)	Public amenities	P
Development		
(A10)	New buildings	P
(A11)	External alterations and additions to buildings	P

H24.5. Notification

- (1) Any application for resource consent for an activity listed in Table H24.4.1 Activity table above will be subject to the normal tests for notification under the relevant sections of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- (2) When deciding who is an affected person in relation to any activity for the purposes of section 95E of the Resource Management Act 1991 the Council will give specific consideration to those persons listed in Rule C1.13(4).

H24.6. Standards

All activities listed as permitted in Table H24.4.1 must comply with the following standards.

Where a cemetery comprises multiple adjoining sites zoned Special Purpose - Cemetery Zone, the entire area will be treated as a single site for the purposes of applying the following standards.

H24.6.1. Building height

- (1) Buildings must not exceed the building height in Table H24.6.1.1 Maximum building height.

Table H24.6.1.1: Maximum building height

Building type	Maximum building height
Mausoleums	4m
Crematoria	8m
Other buildings	8m

H24.6.2. Height in relation to boundary

- (1) Along the boundaries where the Special Purpose - Cemetery Zone directly adjoins another zone, the height in relation to boundary standard that applies in the adjoining zone will also apply to the Special Purpose - Cemetery Zone boundary.
- (2) Where the adjoining zone does not specify a height in relation to boundary standard, the yard and/or setback standards in the adjoining zone also apply to the adjoining Special Purpose - Cemetery Zone boundary.

H24.6.3. Building coverage

- (1) Maximum building coverage: 10 per cent

H24.6.4. Maximum gross floor area of mausoleums, crematoria and buildings

- (1) The gross floor area for mausoleums, crematoria and other buildings must not be greater than the areas listed in Table H24.6.4.1 Maximum gross floor area.

Table H24.6.4.1 Maximum gross floor area

Building type	Maximum gross floor area for a single structure or building
Private mausoleums	15m ²
Public mausoleums on sites less than 20ha	15m ²
Public mausoleums on sites greater than 20 ha	100m ²
Crematoria	300m ²
Other buildings	300m ²

H24.6.5. Yards

- (1) A building or parts of a building must be set back from the relevant boundary by the minimum depth listed in Table H24.6.5.1 Yards, unless otherwise specified in Standard H24.6.6.

Table H24.6.5.1 Yards

Yard	Dimension
Front	6m
Side and rear	3m
Riparian	10m from the edge of permanent and intermittent streams
Coastal protection yard	30m or as otherwise specified in Appendix 6 Coastal protection yard

H24.6.6. Yards for crematoria

- (1) Crematoria must be set back at least 100m from a side and/or rear boundary where it adjoins another zone.

H24.6.7. Maximum impervious area

- (1) The maximum impervious area must not exceed 60 per cent of the site area.

H24.6.8. Screening

- (1) Any outdoor storage or rubbish collection areas that directly face, and are visible from a residential, rural or business zone adjoining a boundary with, or on the opposite side of the road from, a site in the Special Purpose - Cemetery Zone must be screened from those areas by a solid wall or fence at least 1.8m high.

H24.7. Assessment – controlled activities

Not applicable in this zone.

H24.8. Assessment – restricted discretionary activities

Not applicable in this zone.

H24.9. Special information requirements

Not applicable in this zone.