



CHAPTER 65
ARTICLE 12 - ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED CEMETERIES

N.C.G.S. § 65-85.

Definitions.

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As used in this Article, the following terms mean:

Abandoned. - Ceased from maintenance or use by the person with legal right to the real property with the intent of not again maintaining the real property in the foreseeable future.

Cemetery. - A tract of land used for burial of multiple graves.

Department. - The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Grave. - A place of burial for a single decedent.

Neglected. - Left unattended or uncared for through carelessness or intention and lacking a caretaker.

Public cemetery. - A cemetery for which there is no qualification to purchase, own, or come into possession of a grave in that cemetery. (2007-118, s. 1; 2015-241, s. 14.30(s).)

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