

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF GRANGER TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES

ARTICLE I: RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. Lots are sold only for use of the family, their relatives, and their descendents.
- B. Only human remains may be buried in Granger Township Cemeteries.
- C. All opening of graves must be done by the employees, or under the direction of Granger Township.
- D. All grave service charges are payable at time of burial.
- E. No funerals on Sundays or general holidays are allowed in Granger Cemeteries without special arrangements.
- F. Wooden vaults or outer boxes are forbidden.
- G. Grave surfaces shall be kept level with the surrounding terrain. It is difficult to mow, or to make grass grow upon a mound. A smooth sward is more pleasing, and mounds are no longer necessary to mark graves sites, as an exact record of their location is kept by the Cemetery.
- H. Subject to the approval of the Trustees, the planting of flowers will be permitted around the monument, provided however, that no planting of any kind will be permitted on graves. Any planting made in violation of this rule may be removed without notice. It is advisable to make the necessary arrangements at the cemetery before planting material is purchased.
- I. The Trustees may direct that any work done within cemetery grounds for remuneration shall be performed by cemetery employees, or contracted persons.
- J. If any tree or shrub standing on any lot shall, by means of its roots, branch, or otherwise, become detrimental, dangerous, or inconvenient to adjacent lots or walks, or if it becomes un-sightly, the Trustees shall have the right, and it shall be their duty to remove such tree or shrub, or any portion thereof, as they shall judge necessary.
- K. No turf may be removed for flower bed or other purpose without first obtaining the Trustee's permission.
- L. The cemetery will maintain, as nearly as may be practical, the planting of trees and shrubs that are contained in the landscaping and general background of the cemetery, but does not undertake plantings on individual lots.
- M. No fence, hedge, enclosure, or curbing of any kind will be allowed on burial lots.
- N. Unused cans, crockery, boxes, baskets, shells, or watering pots left on graves or lots are detrimental to the appearance of the cemetery, and such articles will be removed from the graves and lots.

- O. No persons shall deposit debris, rubbish, or waste material anywhere within cemetery limits.
- P. Persons wishing to make improvements of any kind on their own other lots must first consult the Trustees.
- Q. The Township of Granger will use reasonable care in engaging competent and experienced cemetery employees, and in seeing that they do their work with customary carefulness, but it disclaims any responsibility or liability for accident or damage to headstones, vases, or monuments resulting from the ordinary hazards of cemetery work. Nor does it assume any liability for accident or damage to person or property due to defects of machinery, implements, tools, and equipment used in cemetery work.
- R. Metal emblems may be placed on graves when permitted by the Trustees. Such emblems shall be removed when deemed advisable by the Trustees.
- S. The Cemetery hours are from sunrise to sunset.

ARTICLE II: FLORAL DECORATIONS, VASES, AND URNS

- A. Permanent urns may be placed in the cemetery by obtaining permission of the Trustees, who shall be consulted as to their location and size.
- B. Hanging baskets shall be suspended from a single hook standard.
- C. In order to maintain a neat appearance throughout the cemetery the Trustees may remove the planting from any urn or basket, which becomes unsightly through lack of care.
- D. When an urn remains unplanted later than June 1st, or when it becomes worn out and dilapidated, it will be removed without further notice.
- E. Potted plants or cut flowers may be placed around any monument. All withered and faded flowers will be removed when lots are mowed.
- F. Funeral designs and floral pieces will be removed from the graves when they become wilted or unsightly. Persons desiring to retain any must remove same within 48 hours after the interment. In no case will employees attempt to locate designs or floral pieces after their removal from a lot.
- G. All floral baskets, designs, and wreaths will be removed when they become unsightly.

ARTICLE III: MARKERS AND MONUMENTS

- A. No monuments or markers may be erected or placed in the cemetery unless specifications, plans, and location have been first submitted to and approved by cemetery authorities. In no case will more than one monument be allowed on one lot.

- B. Monuments for a single grave must not be more than 36 inches in height, not less than 10 inches or over 14 inches in width, and not over 30 inches in length. Double grave monuments must not be more than 14 inches in width, not more than 48 inches in length, and not more than 36 inches in height. Flush monuments shall meet the same width and length size.
- C. Grave markers furnished by funeral director may be used temporarily.
- D. Bronze military markers shall be permitted to be placed on the back of upright monuments, where space is permitted.

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- E. To insure permanency, all foundations shall be built by the cemetery employees at the expense of the grave site owners. Prices for foundations will be set by the Township Trustees.
- F. The Trustees shall have authority to inspect the setting of any monument or marker, and if improperly done, order the resetting of same.
- G. After a monument or marker has been placed in the cemetery, it may not be removed without permission of the Trustees.
- H. Monuments or markers with porcelain photographs inserted are not permitted. Nor is any grotesque, freakish, or unusual design, ornamentation or size permitted.

ARTICLE IV: INTERMENTS:

- A. The number of interments which may be properly made on a lot is definitely fixed at the time of purchase, and no more will be permitted. In order that uniformity may be sustained, the Trustee will determine the location of graves on a lot.
- B. Only one body shall be allowed in a grave. A cremains or infant burial over an adult's grave may be permitted, provided that the adult burial is of sufficient depth, and in a permanent vault, and approved by the Trustee.
- C. No interment may be made unless the body is accompanied by a burial permit (usually procured by the undertaker).
- D. The Trustee shall be contacted before the setting of time of any funeral to avoid conflict with another funeral. Notice of not less than 48 working hours shall be given for the opening of a grave when possible. All funeral processions while upon the cemetery grounds shall be under the direction and control of the cemetery attendant, or his authorized agent.
- E. Wooden vaults or outer boxes are forbidden.

- F. All opening and closing of the grave shall be under the direction of the Granger Township Trustees.
- G. Interment charges are due and payable when the order is given and include opening and closing of the grave.

ARTICLE V: DISINTERMENTS

- A. Disinterments will be made upon Court Order, or permission to made disinterments not ordered by the court will be given upon written order of the lot owner, or surviving wife or husband, or children, if of legal age, or parents of deceased (in the order stated), provided, however, such disinterment is not made for profit or other reasons considered improper by cemetery authorities.
- B. No disinterment will be made until all State Regulations and Rules of the local Health Authorities have been complied with.

ARTICLE VI: LOT AND RELOCATIONS

- A. The purchase of lots shall be arranged through the Sexton of Granger Township, one of the Trustees, or their authorized representative, who will show the lots which are for sale.
- B. When a section of the cemetery has been platted and prepared for sale, the price of lots shall be fixed by the Township Trustees, and shall be on file in the Township Clerk and Sexton's office.
- C. The deed to a lot conveys only burial rights and the title to the land remains in the Township of Granger.
- D. In general, all lot sales are for cash and the bill is payable at the time of purchase to Granger Township.
- E. The status of a resident or non-resident shall be determined by the Ohio laws governing his legal residence for voting purposes, and shall be the same for his minor children, or ownership of property in Granger Township.
 - 1. The number of cemetery lots able to be purchased at resident rates shall be determined by the number of full time residents of the household (as defined by Ohio Law) at the time of the purchase.
- F. If you are a resident of Granger Township when you go into a nursing home you may purchase a cemetery lot at the resident's rates at a later date even if you have sold your property.

ARTICLE VII: TRANSFER OF TITLE

- A. Lot owners are permitted to sell, transfer or assign their interest in said lots back to Township Trustees only.

ARTICLE VIII: EFFECTIVE DATE September 13, 1993

These rules are adopted for the protection, safety, and preservation of Granger Township Cemeteries.

GRANGER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES;

Robert W. Kelly, Trustee Chp.
J. Roger Feess, Trustee
Neal G. Sylvester, Trustee

Attest: Barbara L. Beach, Clerk

AMENDED DEC. 29, 1993: Under Article I, "B" added to read, "Only human remains may be buried in Granger Township Cemeteries. Letters were then changed to the next succeeding letter i.e. B to C, C to D etc.

AMENDED FEB. 23, 2004: Under Article VI: "F" added to read, "If you are a resident of Granger Township when you go into a nursing home you may purchase a cemetery lot at the resident's rate at a later date even if you have sold your property".

AMENDED JUNE 2, 2004: Under Article VI, E: 1 clarification added to read, "The number of cemetery lots able to be purchased at resident rates shall be determined by the number of full time residents of the household (as defined by Ohio Law) at the time of purchase".