

GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 517.06

OF

Maple Grove Cemetery

PURPOSE

Cemetery rules and regulations are designed for the protection of owners of interment and/or inurnment rights as a group. They are intended, not as restraining, but rather as preventing the inconsiderate from taking unfair advantage of others. Their enforcement will help protect the Cemetery and create and preserve its beauty. These rules and regulations are hereby adopted as the Rules and Regulations of the Maple Grove Cemetery, and all owners of interment or inurnment rights, visitors and contractors performing work within the Cemetery, shall be subject to said Rules and Regulations, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by the Granville Township Board of Trustees from time to time, hereby superseding any and all previous Rules and Regulations.

DEFINITIONS

“Board” shall mean the Board of Granville Township Trustees and its successors, as well as its duly authorized Cemetery representatives and employees.

"Cemetery" shall mean Maple Grove Cemetery and the land and the improvements

thereon.

"Owner" shall mean the owner of rights of interment or inurnment.

"Interment" shall mean burial of the remains of a deceased human being.

"Inurnment" shall mean the burial of cremated human remains.

"Memorial or Monument" shall mean any marker placed upon any lot or columbarium niche for the purpose of identification or in memory of the interred.

"Burial Vault" shall mean an outside burial container as specified by the Board to incase human remains.

"Contractor" shall mean any person, firm or corporation or anyone other than a Cemetery employee engaged in placing, erecting or repairing any memorial or monument and performing any work on the Cemetery grounds.

OHIO LAW

The sale of cemetery lots or columbarium niches by Townships in Ohio is governed by Ohio Revised Code Section 517.07. The Board will adhere to all parts of the applicable law and enjoy any rights given by the law, including the right of re-entry.

CEMETERY HOURS

The Cemetery is open from Daylight until Dusk Daily.

OWNERSHIP

Interment or Inurnment rights shall be used for no purpose other than the disposition of the human dead.

The Board may, in its sole discretion, refuse to permit anything to be done within the Cemetery in violation of the requirements of these Rules and Regulations.

SUPERVISION OF CEMETERY

The Board reserves the right to require all persons coming into the Cemetery to obey all rules and regulations adopted herein. These Rules and Regulations may be changed, without notice to any owner, by the Board.

The Board shall take responsible precaution to protect owners and the property rights of owners within the Cemetery from loss or damage, but it distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control. The Board is not and shall not be liable for damage caused by natural elements, acts of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasion, insurrections, riots, or orders of any Military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral.

The Board reserves the right to correct any interment, dis-interment, inurnment, dis-inurnment, removal, inscription, transfer, or conveyance errors that may be made. The Board, shall, in its sole discretion, determine the best and most efficient means of correcting any such errors, which may include, but shall not be limited to, the refunding of money paid.

The rights to enlarge, reduce, replant or change the boundaries or grading of the Cemetery on a lot or grave, from time to time, including the right to modify or change the locations of or any part thereof or remove or re-grade walks or paths, is hereby expressly reserved by the Board. The Board shall also have the right to lay, maintain and operate, or alter or change pipe lines or gutters for sprinkling systems, drainage, lakes, electricity, etc. The Board reserves to itself and to those lawfully entitled thereto and those permitted by the Board to do so, a perpetual right of ingress and egress over lots for the purpose of passage to and from other lots.

SALE AND PURCHASE OF INTERMENT/INURNMENT RIGHTS

All interment and inurnment rights are sold subject to payment of the amount posted in the Cemetery or Township office for the area of the lot. All interment and inurnment rights shall be fully paid for prior to use.

The sale or transfer of any interment or inurnment right by any owner shall not be effective and binding unless the same shall first be duly approved in writing by the Board. The Board shall issue an Internment/Inurnment Right, per Ohio Revised Code Section 517.07, to the new Owner subject to the provisions expressly included therein. The same rule shall apply in all cases of assignment for interment or inurnment rights.

Any and all transfers of any interment or inurnment right, whether same is by conveyance or assignment, are subject to all rules and regulations of the Cemetery, which are now in full force and effect or which may be hereafter adopted.

The subdivision of interment or inurnment rights is not permitted without the written consent of the Board. No one shall be buried in any lot not having an interest therein, except by written consent of the Board.

All work on lots or graves will be done by the Cemetery employees under the direction of the Board, except when permission is otherwise granted. All grading, landscaping work, and improvements of any kind, and all care of lots and all plantings (including trees), trimmings, removals of trees, shrubs, and herbage of any kind and all openings of lots, all interments, inurnments, disinterment's and removals shall be made under the direction and with the approval of the Board through its Cemetery Superintendent.

No enclosure of any kind, such as a fence, coping, hedge or ditch, shall be permitted around any grave or lot. Grave mounds shall not be allowed and no lot shall be raised above the established grade.

No interment or inurnment right can be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or hypothecated without the written approval of the Board.

The Board may exchange interment or inurnment rights, when desired by Owners. When such an exchange is made, the original conveyance must be surrendered by proper assignment, or by re-conveyance, if considered necessary by the Board before any change is affected. Grave plots and columbarium niches may be sold either to third parties or back to the Board. Those sold to the Board will be limited to the price paid at the time of the original purchase.

Each owner is vested with the ownership of his or her interment or inurnment right for the sole purpose of interment or inurnment of human dead bodies or cremains. Under the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery, the interment and inurnment rights cannot be conveyed without the written consent of the Board, nor any use, division or improvements of them be made which the Board prohibits, or may deem improper.

The Owner of interment or inurnment rights may dispose of same by will, subject to the foregoing conditions: If Owner dies intestate, the interment or inurnment rights will descend to his or her heirs according to law. The Board cannot be responsible for the carrying out of the intent of the grantor.

The general care of the entire Cemetery grounds and lots is assumed by the Board.

The Board shall direct all improvements within the grounds and upon all lots and graves before, as well as after, interments have been made therein. The Board shall have charge of the planting, sodding, surveying and general improvements within the Cemetery.

If any inscription or object is placed on any memorial, monument or other structure, and it is determined by the Board, in accordance with contemporary community standards, to be offensive, the Board shall have the right to enter upon such lot to remove, change or correct the offensive inscription or object, and may do so at the expense of the owner.

If any tree, shrub or plant standing upon any lot, by means of its roots, branches, or otherwise, becomes detrimental to adjacent lots, avenues, or if for any other reason its removal is deemed necessary, the Board shall have the right to remove such tree, shrub or plant, or any part thereof, or otherwise correct the condition.

No person shall pluck or remove any plant or flower, either wild or cultivated from any part of the Cemetery, except flowers planted along the front and sides of their family's monument.

BURIAL REGULATIONS

No interment or inurnment shall be made unless the opening and closing fee for such grave has been paid in advance.

The Board reserves the right to compel all persons authorized to order the opening and closing of a grave to appear at the Cemetery more than 24 hours in advance of such interment or inurnment, in order to select the desired grave or niche to be opened. In addition, the completion and execution of the Cemetery's "Interment/Inurnment Authorization" form may be required. Those electing a natural burial must also execute a release form in which the factors associated with such a burial are set forth.

No interment may take place at the Cemetery unless a burial permit for the deceased has first been presented to the Board, as in accordance with Section 3705.17 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Funeral processions, upon entering the grounds of the Maple Grove Cemetery, shall be subject to the direction of the Board, or authorized employees of the Cemetery.

The Board or Cemetery Office must be notified of an impending interment or inurnment service no later than 12:00 PM (noon) of the prior business day. Notification of a Monday service must be received no later than 3:00 PM on the previous Friday.

The Board reserves the right to schedule interment or inurnment services according to the Cemetery's availability of service times and needs.

The Board shall have the right to have the interment or inurnment service at the grave according to the Cemetery's schedule and current weather conditions.

When a removal is to be made from a single grave to another grave, the formerly occupied single grave space and all rights therein revert to the Owner thereof. If no steel or concrete vault has been used for this original interment, one must be furnished by the person requesting the removal. If there is a steel or concrete vault and the same is in a removable condition, charge for removal of vault must be paid in advance.

Application for disinterment or dis-inurnment must comply with the provisions of Sections 517.23 and 517.24 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The cemetery ordinarily requires the use of an outer burial container for the burial of casketed remains and the use of a recoverable container for the burial or inurement of cremated remains.

No grave space may contain more than four urns of cremated remains. In addition, a maximum of one cremated remains may be interred over a casketed burial. No more than two urns or recoverable containers of cremated remains may be placed in a columbarium niche.

No grave space may contain more than two markers/monuments. All upright markers shall be placed at the head of the grave.

The remains of any person who died of a contagious disease shall not be permitted in or on the Cemetery grounds, except when placed in a hermetically sealed casket or cremated. In case of doubt on the part of the Cemetery Superintendent, as to the nature of the disease, satisfactory evidence from the attending physician or otherwise shall be

required.

Natural burials are permitted within all sections of the cemetery. A natural burial is one where an embalming process is not utilized and interment is without a standard casket or burial vault. A biodegradable wicker casket/pod or similar item is required for burial so that direct handling of the human remains by cemetery personnel is avoided. While flexibility on the type of interment cover is left to the final discretion of the Cemetery Superintendent, all interment coverings must securely contain the remains so that no part of the remains are exposed or easily susceptible to being exposed.

Headstones and marker regulations for natural burial lots remain unchanged from those for casketed burials.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

No children under the age of 16 are permitted within the Cemetery without adult supervision. All children must display appropriate behavior while on the grounds of the Cemetery.

All pets should be on a leash and excrement must be contained and disposed of in an appropriate manner while in the Cemetery.

No soliciting or advertising is permitted within the Cemetery.

Bringing or consuming alcohol or illegal substances within the Cemetery is strictly forbidden.

The sitting or leaning on monuments or walls is not permitted. Benches placed within the Cemetery are placed for this purpose.

The Board and/or Cemetery are not responsible for theft or damage to anything placed on graves or lots.

Only vaults, grave markers, monuments or vases approved by the Cemetery Superintendent shall be permitted to be used.

No permanent bench, chair, or trellis shall be permitted or be brought upon the Cemetery grounds.

The Board shall have the right to remove any dead or damaged tree, shrub or vine.

No touching, scraping, rubbing or spraying of liquids on the memorials or monuments is permitted without prior permission of cemetery personnel.

Any person found on the Cemetery grounds, when the Cemetery is closed and without permission, shall be considered a trespasser.

All vehicles entering the Cemetery shall use designated roadways, not park off such roadways and maintain reasonable speed. Parking is prohibited on the brick and concrete pavilion of the Granville Veterans Memorial.

Flowers or other decorations will be removed as soon as the flowers fade and wither, and the right is reserved by the Board to make such removal. Winter wreaths, and artificial flowers will be removed at such time as is specified by the Board, and the Owner thereby forfeits all rights, title and interest to the same, and the Board may dispose of them by sale, destruction or in any other way it deems best.

No person shall use profane or boisterous language or in any way disturb the quiet and good order of the Cemetery.

All persons are forbidden to hunt fowls or other animals about the Cemetery.

All persons are strictly forbidden to break or injure any tree or shrub, or mar any landmark, memorial or monument, or in any manner deface the grounds of the Cemetery.

Groundskeepers are employed by the Board to maintain the entire Cemetery. No money shall be paid to these attendants. All orders, inquiries and complaints must be left at the Cemetery office.

No person or persons other than an employee of the Cemetery so authorized shall be permitted to bring or carry firearms within the Cemetery. The following persons are specifically exempted from this rule: a licensee who has been issued a concealed handgun license under Sections 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Ohio Revised Code or a military guard of honor when in the charge of an Officer and during a military service.

Flowers may be planted along the front and sides of a monument within six inches. No flowers shall be planted along the rear of a monument.

Artificial flowers or wreaths may be used, but must be removed when they begin to fade or become unsightly. The Board reserves the right to make such removal.

In the event that an indigent burial responsibility arises within the Township, the Cemetery Superintendent will determine the appropriate method of disposition of remains/cremains. Further guidance regarding township responsibilities for indigent burials will be found within the township policy on same.

All persons are reminded that the grounds are sacredly devoted to the burial of the dead and that the provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by statute, will be strictly enforced in all cases of wanton injury, disturbance and disregard of the rules and the laws of Ohio.

COLUMBARIUM DECORATION GUIDELINES

The only decorations permitted are small artificial bouquets not to exceed 5" in diameter for placement in the niche vase.

We allow two emblems per niche front. For further information, please contact the office.

Only small items which can be hung from the vase should adorn the niche, for example, bracelets, crosses and items under 2" maximum.

No gel or static clings should be placed on the niche fronts due to staining potential.

Please refrain from attaching drawings, cards, pictures or other items without prior approval from the cemetery personnel.

We do reserve the right to remove, without notice, any items deemed unsightly, faded, out of season, inappropriate or in violation of these guidelines. Items removed will be stored in the cemetery building for a minimum of two weeks for families to pick up. However, the Cemetery and its personnel assume no responsibility for damage or disappearance of any arrangement or container.

CEMETERY CHAPEL

The Board has provided a small chapel for use in services for inurement of cremated remains in the adjacent columbarium. It is also available in lieu of graveside services for fully casketed burials when the weather is inclement or upon prior request to cemetery personnel. There is no charge for this use.

Assistance in keeping the chapel clean and clutter free is appreciated.

At its discretion the Board may allow use of the chapel as a meeting room to local civic groups. Fees for use, if any, will be determined at time request is considered.

MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

The Board may, and it hereby expressly reserves the right at any and all times, with or without notice to Owners, to adopt new rules and regulations, or to amend, alter and/or

repeal any rule, regulation and/or article, section, paragraph and/or sentence in these Rules and Regulations.

Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The Board, therefore, reserves the right without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications in any of the Rules and Regulations, when in its judgment, the same appear advisable; and, such temporary exceptions, suspensions or modifications shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of these Rules and Regulations, or as creating any enforceable precedent.