

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF ALCONA, MICHIGAN
CEMETERY ORDINANCE NO. 13-001

DEFINITIONS OF BURIAL PLOTS AND BURIAL SPACES

The Cemetery is divided into three (3) sections. The original and 1st addition have burial spaces measuring 8 feet X 4 feet and the 2nd addition has burial spaces measuring 10 feet X 4 feet.

- A. Each burial space shall cost one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).
- B. The Township Board may periodically alter the foregoing fees to accommodate increased costs.

GRAVE OPENING CHARGES

- A. The Township will not be responsible for the opening and closing of graves.
- B. Grave opening charges shall be handled through Funeral Directors.
- C. On gravesites containing an existing stone which cannot be moved by hand for burial, the additional cost to move and replace the existing stone shall be handled through the Funeral Director.
- D. Damages to grave markers are not the responsibility of the Township.

MARKERS OR MEMORIALS

- A. All markers or memorials must be made of stone or other equally durable composition.
- B. Any large, upright monuments must be located upon a suitable solid foundation to maintain the same, in an erect position.

INTERMENT REGULATIONS

- A. Only one (1) person may be buried in a burial space except for one (1) parent and infant, or two (2) children buried at the same time, or the remains of two (2) cremated bodies. Only one (1) headstone may be used on each burial space.
- B. The appropriate permit for the burial space involved, together with appropriate identification of the person to be buried therein, where necessary, shall be presented to the Township Clerk/Cemetery Sexton prior to interment. The Funeral Director shall furnish the Township Clerk/Cemetery Sexton with a death certificate and burial location.
- C. All burial spaces shall be located in an orderly and neat appearing manner within the confines of the burial plot involved.
- D. A burial space owner may sell or gift a burial space to another individual after notifying the Township Clerk/Cemetery Sexton. The Township Clerk/Cemetery Sexton will then transfer the burial space to the new owner.

GROUND MAINTAINANCE

- A. No trees shall be planted. Flowers and small shrubs may be planted at owner's risk.
- B. The Township Board reserves the right to remove or trim any tree, plant or shrub located within the Cemetery in the interest of maintaining proper appearance and use of the Cemetery.
- C. The Township Board shall have the right and authority to remove and dispose of any and all growth, emblems, displays or containers, that through decay, deterioration, damage or otherwise become unsightly, a source of litter, or a maintenance problem.
- D. Mounds, which hinder the free use of a lawn mower or other gardening apparatus, are prohibited.
- E. All refuse of any kind including dried flowers, wreaths, papers, and flower containers, among others, must be removed and disposed of properly.
- F. Artificial, cut or potted flowers, wreaths, and grave blankets are permissible. Grave blankets can be affixed after October 1st and removed by May 15th.
- G. Future permanent retaining walls are prohibited.

RECORDS

The Township Clerk/Cemetery Sexton shall maintain records concerning all burials, and or burial permits, separate and apart from any records of the Township, and the same shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable business hours.

CEMETERY HOURS

- A. The Cemetery shall be open to the general public during daylight hours. NO person shall be permitted in the Township Cemetery at any other time without permission of the Township Board.
- B. Access to the Cemetery is seasonal -- the roads are not plowed in the winter.
- C. All unauthorized off-road vehicles are prohibited in the Cemetery at all times.

This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its publication as required by law.

Resolution to adopt was passed at the regular meeting February 6, 2013, of the Caledonia Township Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Helen Timm
Caledonia Township Clerk

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