RULES AND REGULATIONS

17181 N. Fruitport Road
616-844-2101

This brochure contains highlights only—please refer to the complete Township Code of Ordinances Section 10.

HOURS
Cemetery: 7:00 am—9:00 pm
Business Hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

CONDUCT OF PERSONS
Within the Cemetery, all persons are prohibited from picking flowers (wild or cultivated), breaking or injuring any tree, shrub or plant, or writing upon, defacing or destroying any memorial, marker, fence or other structure. No person may destroy or otherwise disturb the birds or other animal life within the Cemetery if not authorized by the Superintendent of Cemeteries.

Within the Cemetery, no person may loiter, litter, use profane language, or bring in or consume alcoholic liquors. Further, no person may possess firearms without the approval of the Superintendent of Cemeteries, unless the person is a duly authorized law enforcement officer or a duly authorized military escort for a veteran’s funeral or memorial service.

No person may walk or allow dogs or other animals in the Cemetery. Peding is prohibited.

Proper conduct must be observed on Cemetery grounds at all times. (Sec. 10-12)

LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE
Neither the Superintendent of Cemeteries nor Township employees working in the Cemetery shall be liable for any damage to any trees, shrubs, plants, or other items used on graves or gravesites, for monuments, for markers, or for any other items that may occur to such items in the normal course of Cemetery operations. (Sec. 10-2)

VIOLATIONS
Any person violating any of the provisions of the ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to enforcement procedures as set forth in Article III of Chapter 22 of the Township Code of Ordinances, pertaining to municipal civil infractions. (Sec. 10-40)

OPERATION OF VEHICLES
No Person may drive a vehicle in excess of 10 miles per hour in the Cemetery. Any vehicle parked on the grass may be removed by the Superintendent of Cemeteries, and the owner and/or operator shall be responsible for all costs. (Sec. 10-10)

FLOWERS & FLOWER URNS
Real or artificial flowers are allowed in flower urns only and must be secured. Only one flower urn will be allowed per grave or gravesite. All other flowers shall be removed. Flower urns are a receptacle for the planting of flowers made of durable concrete, granite, marble, standard bronze or other material equivalent in durability approved by the Superintendent of Cemeteries. Flower urns unused for three years will be removed by the Superintendent of Cemeteries and stored until otherwise disposed of. Flower urns shall have a maximum outside diameter of 16 inches, a maximum height of 20 inches and a maximum volume of 0.75 cubic feet. (Sec. 10-19, 20)

PLANTINGS AND SHRUBS
Unless specifically provided in the ordinance, all ground plantings of trees, shrubs, plants, or flowers on graves or gravesites is strictly prohibited. For safety reasons, the use of wire, metal rods, shepherd’s hooks, wooden posts or crosses, or other such materials for stabilization of decorations, or the placing of chairs, settees, glass jars, wood or iron cases or tin cans is strictly prohibited. All items mentioned and any others which are unbecoming to good decor, according to the discretion of the Superintendent of Cemeteries, are subject to removal.

All new shrub plantings on a grave or a gravesite, and the location of the plantings, must be approved and planted by the Superintendent of Cemeteries. Plantings will only be allowed on a family plot. A shrub on a grave or a gravesite will be cared for by the Township. Shrubs may not exceed 36 inches in height or 24 inches in diameter. Any shrub that is larger is subject to removal by the Township. (Sec. 10-21, 22)

WINTER DÉCOR
Winter decorations or artificial wreaths may be placed on graves or gravesites from November 1 through April 1. However, grave blankets are not allowed. (Sec. 10-18)

DÉCOR REMOVAL
The Superintendent of Cemeteries may remove or order removed all floral designs, trees, shrubs, plants or herbage of any kind, and may also remove toys or any other kind of nongreen decoration as soon as such items become unsightly, detrimental or offensive, in the opinion of the Superintendent of Cemeteries. The Township has no responsibility to return to its owners any item the Superintendent of Cemeteries so removes or orders removed. (Sec. 10-17)

PERPETUAL CARE
All gravesites shall be sold with perpetual care benefits for the amounts established by the Township Board. The amount to be paid for perpetual care benefits shall be established by Township Board resolution. The money received for perpetual care shall be held in trust and invested as provided by law. The interest earned by the money received for perpetual care may be transferred to the Township general fund as allowed by law. Perpetual care includes, without limitation and according to the Township’s discretion, the cutting, trimming, sprinkling and fertilizing of the grass, the raking and cleaning of the grounds, the replacing of turf under certain conditions, and the pruning of shrubs or trees, all at reasonable intervals as determined by the Township.

The perpetual care assumed by the Township shall in no case mean the maintenance, repair or replacement of any marker, monument, flower urn or other memorial placed or erected upon graves or gravesites, or the performance of any special or unusual work which the Township determines to be beyond the scope of perpetual care.

The Township reserves the right to perform all the work for the care and upkeep of its Cemetery. However, this reservation shall not be interpreted to add to the Township’s responsibilities under the ordinance. (Sec. 10-37)
SALE OF GRAVE SITES
Gravesites shall be sold by the Township at prices established by resolution of the Township Board. The sale of gravesites grants a right of burial only and does not convey any other title to the lot or burial space sold. (Sec. 10-5)

TRANSFER OF GRAVE SITES
No gravesite may be transferred to another person without prior written approval of the Township Clerk, after receiving a written request for transfer from the current owner of the gravesite. (Sec. 10-6)

C E M E T E R Y R A T E S
Contact the Township Clerk for a complete fee schedule.

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WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS
Interments, disinterments, removals or cremation interment services shall be subject to an additional fee set by the Township Board and added to the regular interment charge if they occur on Saturdays, Sundays or any of the following holidays: New Year’s Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve Day, and any additional holidays specified by the Township Board. (Sec. 10-13)

FLAGS
The Township may in its discretion place flags of the United States of America on the graves of service personnel a few days prior to Memorial Day. Such flags shall be removed after the celebration of Veteran’s Day. (Sec. 10-23)

VAULTS
Vaults are required for all burials, except for cremations. (Sec. 10-16)

MONUMENTS AND MARKERS
A monument (tombstone or memorial which extends above the turf) or marker (memorial) must be made of durable granite, marble, standard bronze or other material equivalent in durability approved by the Superintendent of Cemeteries. A temporary metal name plate may be used to identify a grave or gravesite, unless otherwise specifically provided in the ordinance. (Sec. 10-28)

FAMILY PLOTS AND FAMILY MONUMENTS
A family plot for a family or some other group consists of at least ten (10) individual graves or gravesites in a single block and owned by a single person. A family monument is larger because it is placed upon a family plot. Only one family monument shall be allowed in the center of a family plot. Individual markers may be used in conjunction with a family monument. (Sec. 10-1, 27)

TEMPORARY MEMORIAL
A temporary metal name plate may be used to identify a grave for a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date of interment. (Sec. 10-34)

FOUNDATIONS FOR MONUMENTS
The footing or foundation upon which any monument is to be placed shall be two (2) inches longer and two (2) inches wider than the above-ground monument. (Sec. 10-32)

MONUMENT AND MARKER SIZE
The following is a table for monument and marker sizes and shall be followed by all companies and dealers who deliver monuments and markers to the Cemetery. The height of the monument or marker includes the base and footing. Any monument or marker delivered to the Cemetery with oversized dimensions and without proper approval shall be unacceptable and subject to immediate removal. However, because monumental stone is a natural product and is difficult to conform to absolute dimensions and fabrications, a tolerance of one-half inch is allowable for specific dimensions. This tolerance applies to both the base and the footing. Natural, uncut stones are not allowed unless they are equivalent in durability to granite or marble and meet the size requirements for a monument or marker. (Sec. 10-1, 36)

FUNERALS
From November 1 through April 1 there shall be no graveside services in conjunction with interments. (Sec. 10-11)

MAXIMUM MEMORIAL SIZES

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<td>All Double Markers</td>
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