



The Last Man Standing: What to Do When Your Township Inherits a Cemetery

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Cotton Lakeview Cemetery

Cotton Lakeview Cemetery lies Southeast of Cotton. It is a beautiful, serene, wooded hillside area which at one time overlooked Kauppi Lake.

The oldest known gravesite is that of Victor Soderlund, dated 1903. It was said that Victor's mother was terribly ill and expected to die, her husband and son Victor walked to the top of the hill on their property and under a pine which overlooked the lake was the spot where they chose to bury her. In the meantime, Victor himself got sick and died, he was then buried in the spot that had been chosen for his mother.

Victor's mother's health improved and she was later buried on top of the hill with her son.

The Soderlund family donated this piece of property to the Town of Cotton and the Cotton Lakeview Cemetery has since been established.

Supervision of Cemetery

The Cemetery reserves the right to compel all person coming into the Cemetery, to obey all rules and regulations adopted by the Cemetery Committee and the Cotton Town Board. The rules and regulations may be amended and revised by the officiating member of the Cemetery Committee without prior notice to any lot owner, but not without public posting.

The Cemetery shall take reasonable precaution to protect property owners and the property rights of owners within the Cemetery from loss or damage from acts or causes beyond it's reasonable control.

The Cemetery reserves, and shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made by it, either in making internments, disinternments by substituting interment rights of equal value or similar location if possible. Refund price is by the sole discretion of the Cemetery Committee.

Ownership of Interment Rights

To purchase a burial site in the Cotton Lakeview Cemetery, contact the Registrar of Deeds of the Cotton Lakeview Cemetery Committee.

Interment rights shall be used for no other purpose than the burial of human remains.

Persons wishing to purchase lots are invited to visit the Cemetery, with a Committee member to help with selection and questions, after the selection is made and the purchase price is paid, a deed will be issued and copies kept on file with the Township in order to assist in record keeping. No interment shall be allowed until all fees are paid and the transaction is complete.

OWNERSHIP OF INTERMENT RIGHTS CONTINUED.....

The sale or transfer of any interment rights by any owner or purchaser shall not be binding until first authorized and approved by the Cemetery Committee. After the transfer is complete a new deed will be issued and copies made for record keeping. The Cemetery Committee has the right to refuse a transfer if there is indebtedness on the lot (s).

The subdivision of interment rights is not allowed without the consent of the Committee and no person shall be buried in any lot without having and interest therein, except by written consent of all parties concerned with the lot and approved by the Cemetery Committee by regular or special meeting.

Single graves may be purchased in sections designated for that purpose. there will be no choice of location as space will be filled in regular order. Should any grave be vacated, and body removed from the cemetery and there are no survivors, the space shall revert back to the Cemetery for resale.

No interment rights or contracts for the purchase of interment rights, can be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or hypothecated without the written approval of the Cemetery Committee.

The burial of two "bodies" in on grave will be allowed if one or both is an urn of cremated remains or if there are two newborn infants, (vault not to exceed 24 inches in length). There will be flat stones placed with names, dates etc.

All agreements for the purchase of Cemetery interment rights must be of forms approved and signed by the Cemetery Committee and the Town of Cotton, Verbal agreements or representations will not be recognized. All said agreements must provide for payment into the Cemetery Fund for general care and maintenance of the Cemetery.

The Cemetery Committee may exchange interment rights when desired by owners, but not for interment rights of lesser value. When such exchange is made, the original conveyance must be surrendered by proper assignment or by reconveyance if considered necessary before any change is effected.

Owner of interment rights may dispose of same by will. If the owner dies intestate, the interment rights will descend to the heirs according to Minnesota laws.

No conditional or partial transfer of interment rights and no sale of an undivided interest, except to a person or persons who are already part owners will be recorded, as the Cemetery cannot be responsible for carrying out the grantors intent.

Winter Burials although the Cemetery prefers not to allow a winter burial, Minnesota Statute 306.99 states they must be allowed, but with

All expenses of plowing the road, locating the grave site, digging, filling and moving the body if buried in the wrong spot and must be relocated the following spring.

IV DISINTERMENTS

Disinternments must have the proper Authorization presented to the Cemetery Committee and a copy provided for record keeping, before any disinternment will be allowed to take place all disinternments will be performed by Cemetery Personnel and supervised by Cemetery or Town Board members.

Arrangements for disinternment of remains and vault removal must be made with someone other than the Cemetery Committee but will be supervised by said members. After disinternment, the lot ownership will remain deeded to the original owner to follow Minnesota Title of Descent unless the owner make transfer by assignment. If the lot is no longer wanted by the family, through the Cemetery Committee consent it may be sold back to the Township for the original purchase price.

No disinternment will take place without the proper paperwork on file and any person reported to be trying to remove remains from the Cotton Lakeview Cemetery will be reported to the Sheriff for prosecution.

V RULES

All persons visiting the grounds of the Cotton Lakeview Cemetery are expected to conduct themselves in a proper respectful manner.

All persons are forbidden to hunt, feed or disturb fowl or other animals at the Cemetery.

All persons are reminded that the grounds are sacredly devoted to the burial of the dead and that provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by MN Statute 307.08 sub. 2 will strictly enforced in all cases Of deliberate injury, disturbance and disregard of the rules.

All well disposed persons will confer a favor by informing the Committee or Town Board of any breach of proper decorum that may come under their notice.

No person or persons other than those appointed by the Cemetery Committee or the Town Board shall be permitted to bring or carry firearms on the grounds except a Military Guard of Honor, and they only when in charge of an Officer and during a Military Service.

The Cemetery and their agents have authority to enter upon any lot and to remove anything objectionable placed contrary to the Cemetery Rules, they may also trim or remove any dead, damaged, unsightly or overgrown tree, shrub, vine, flowers, plants and bushes.

No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the Cemetery except by public access, which will be considered to be open during such daylight hours as authorized by the Cemetery Committee, any person found on

Cemetery grounds after hours will be considered a trespasser. Speeds of over 10m.p.h. will not be permitted and there will be no riding or driving upon the lawns or grounds without permission, persons in vehicles will only use the roadways. Persons driving snowmachines and ATV's are not allowed on Cemetery property and will be turned into the Sheriffs office for prosecution.

No enclosure of any kind, i.e.; fence coping, hedge or ditch shall be permitted around any grave or lot. Grave mounds will not be allowed and no lot shall be raised above the established grade of the land.

No rock, bark, chips, statues, bird baths, benches, etc... shall be allowed and will be removed and disposed of if placed on the the grounds.

If a Family would like to donate such objects to the Cemetery it may be able to be placed in such a manner into the landscape as to not create a safety or maintenance problem. The family will have to contact the Cemetery Committee with the information and the Committee will discuss the suitability and location.

If any memorial or any structure or stone is placed with an inscription which is deemed inappropriate or offensive, it will be removed at the owners expense.

Graves are to be located with a family representative and a Cemetery Committee person and then marked before the burial is to take place and will be contacted by the family or Funeral Director.

All burials will be made in a permanent outside container, (vault) which is approved for this purpose and is concrete, steel or fiberglass. Cremated remains must also be in proper container.

No burial will be permitted in Cotton Lakeview Cemetery, nor will any body be placed in any vault until all laws regarding burials in force in the State of Minnesota, St, Louis County and the Township of Cotton, shall be complied with and all burial fees have been paid.

No dogs or other pets are allowed on the Cemetery grounds, beer and liquor is also not allowed. No boxes, shells, toys or discarded glassware, sprinkling cans, receptacles or other similar articles will be permitted on any grave, lot or tree.

No wooden or wire trellis, benches or chairs will be permitted.

The Cemetery is not responsible for the theft or damage to anything placed on graves or lots.

VI
LOTS, PLOTS, MONUMENTS and STONES

Prices for grave LOTS and PLOTS(2000)

	Resident	Non-Resident
Single grave	\$150.00	\$300.00
Two grave lot	\$300.00	\$600.00
Four grave plot	\$600.00	\$1,200.00

All lots / plots must be paid for before burial is allowed, (subject to Cemetery Committees discretion)

Grave sites will be measured and marked for the sextant by Committee members before a site is excavated. If a burial takes place when procedures have not been followed, the family will be responsible for securing the permits and moving the body to correct the site.

Only "Residents" will be buried in the "Old Section" of the Cemetery. A "Resident" is considered to be a homesteaded member of the Town of Cotton, past or present (and their family)

MONUMENTS and STONES

The largest size monument for a single lot is 26 inches by 12 inches and no higher than 26 inches.

The largest for a double lot will be 48 inches by 12 inches and no higher than 36 inches.

Headstones and Footstones must be installed **FLUSH** to the ground

Single marker should be 12" x 24" x 4"

Double markers should be 14" x 42" x 4"

ALL MONUMENTS AND MARKER PLACEMENTS ARE TO BE MARKED BY THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE BEFORE PLACEMENT ANY MARKER PLACED INCORRECTLY WILL BE RESET AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE.

Deeds will be furnished with information regarding the section and types of stones allowed, i.e.; monument or flat.

All burials should be marked with a stone within 12 months.

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VII
FLOWERS and PLANTS

Real flowers will be allowed from May 20 - September 15 as long as they are in acceptable Cemetery boxes or vases. Artificial flowers will be allowed if they are secure in acceptable Cemetery boxes or vases or a monument hanger designed specifically for that purpose.

Any flowers stuck into the ground or in a non regulation container and posing a potential hazard to the groundskeepers, visitors or equipment will be removed and disposed of at once

Bouquets place at the time of a funeral will be discarded when the flowers become unsightly or when that section is next mowed.

All baskets, etc, will be removed. (shepherd hooks may remain in place but the basket or pot must be removed) by September 15th, if they are not removed, the Cemetery Committee will remove them and will not be responsible for their return as there is no storage space.

Flowers, trees, shrubs and plants will only be planted on the grounds by the Cemetery Committee or persons appointed, any others planted will be removed and discarded.

Cemetery Baskets will be of standard design and will not weigh more than 20 pounds for easy lifting when mowing and trimming, baskets will have live plants or if artificial is used, they will be securely anchored for safety as not to pose a hazard. We ask that one basket be used per Plot,

Shepherd Hooks are being encouraged as they allow mowing and trimming to be done easily, they are also an attractive addition and easily maintained by the family, the hooks are being allowed to remain in place but the baskets or pots must be removed each fall.

Planting of any kind in the cemetery is strictly prohibited and will be removed, the maintenance of the stones, monuments, baskets, and vases, etc...is the sole responsibility of the lot / plot owner.

The general care of the Cemetery grounds is assumed by the Cemetery Committee and it's appointed persons.

VIII
INFORMATION and MEMBERS

If You would Like Further Information, contact:

Cheryl Soderlund, Registrar of Deeds 482-3350

Town Board

482-3216

HOLYOKE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY RULES

- 1) To purchase a grave site in the Holyoke Cemetery you must be a resident or property owner in the Township or have family, members buried in the cemetery. Other requests will be decided on individually by the Holyoke Town Board.
- 2) A Township Supervisor or Cemetery Sexton must be present when any remains or markers are placed in the cemetery. An approved cemetery marker must be installed within six months after any inurnment and at the same time as any inurnment. Township Officer's phone numbers are on the bulletin board outside the Town Hall.
- 3) All traditional interments will require the use of a burial vault. Cremated remains must be in a suitable container and placed beneath the approved marker, if possible.
- 4) Only one casketed remains and one cremated remains or two cremated remains are permitted per grave site.
- 5) Special cemetery rules apply for Winter burials. Certain conditions must be adhered to and a Cemetery Sexton must be present.
- 6) Flowers and decorations may not be placed on grave sites earlier than 10 days before Memorial Day and must be removed by September 15th. Only one flower or decoration, please.
- 7) Pesticides should not be applied around footstones, nor should footstones have rock borders.
- 8) All Bronze markers must be installed on a stone base.
- 9) A fee will be charged for interments, inurnments and the placing of cemetery markers.

SOLWAY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Adopted 3/8/2016)

Purpose: It is the intent and desire of the Solway Board of Supervisors to provide an attractive and peaceful cemetery environment affording comfort and solace to deceased family and friends.

100.00 Lot Ownership

- .01 One lot shall only be available for any deceased Solway resident at no charge.
- .02 Rights to lots shall not be transferable.
- .03 Lots shall not be reserved prior to a death, except for the parent, dependent child or spouse of an interned person.

200.00 Interments

- .01 Burials must comply with applicable State of Minnesota regulations regarding burials.
- .02 All burials must be made within an approved sealed container (vault) of concrete or fiberglass.
- .03 Burials are restricted to human remains only.
- .04 No single grave may contain more than two urns of cremations or the remains of one body and one cremation urn.

300.00 Grave Markers / Monuments / Memorials

- .01 A permanent grave marker is required within one year of burial, indicating the deceased person's full name. Their date of birth and date of death are strongly recommended. At the time of burial, a deposit is required, which will be used to purchase a marker if the family fails to provide one. The deposit is waived upon verification of purchase of a marker by the funeral director. **The current deposit is \$175.**
- .02 All grave markers/monuments and installation shall be the responsibility of the family. Township personnel will determine location of placement.
- .03 All grave markers are and shall remain the property of the owner, and the responsibility for maintenance and liability shall remain with the owner. Solway Township shall not be held responsible for theft or damage to grave markers.
- .04 One above ground monument and one ground level marker is allowed per gravesite.

400.00 Baskets / Flowers

- .01 No live trees, shrubs, plants or flowers shall be allowed.
- .02 Baskets shall be of standard design, and shall weigh no more than 30 pounds.
- .03 Artificial flowers and decorations in moveable containers are permitted.
- .04 Care and maintenance of baskets / flowers shall be the responsibility of the owner.
- .05 Baskets / flowers shall be allowed May 1st through September 30th. After that date, they shall be removed / discarded by cemetery personnel.

500.00 Cemetery Maintenance

- .01 Cemetery grounds shall be maintained by township personnel on a regular basis as weather permits.
- .02 Cemetery personnel are authorized to remove any article determined objectionable.

600.00 Amendments

- .01 This document shall remain in full effect and enforcement until revoked, withdrawn or amended.
- .02 Amendments to this document shall be effective upon approval of the Solway Town Board and shall then be posted at township designated posting sites.

Vermilion Lake Township Cemetery Ground Rules
Adopted April 5, 1999

1. The cemetery will be open at all times. However, the Town Board may close access to the cemetery as the Board deems necessary.
2. Whenever possible, no motorized vehicles (other than a riding or push-type mower) will be driven over any grave site.
3. Lot owners shall not deviate from the surrounding grade of any lot nor interfere in any way with the general plan of the cemetery.
4. The planting of trees, shrubs or bushes is not permissible.
5. A maximum of two planters (including Veteran's flag holders, fraternal or religious emblems) with natural or artificial flowers are permitted per grave. Planters must be sturdy and movable (for mowing).
6. Planters are allowed at the cemetery 3 days before Memorial Day and must be removed by Labor Day. If not removed by Labor Day, the Town board has the right to remove the planters, flag holders, emblems, etc., without notifying the owner.
7. Statues and statuettes are not permitted unless they serve as planters or part of the headstone.
8. Windsocks, non-U.S. flags, balloons, models, banners, etc, are not permitted.
9. The Town Board assumes no responsibility for the care and watering of planters. The Town Board has the right to remove all wilted flowers at their discretion without notifying the lot owner.
10. Lot owners are responsible for the care of the lot and any planters, flag holders, etc.
11. No person shall disturb the quiet of the cemetery by noise of any kind or by improper conduct.
12. Markers placed in the cemetery shall be level with the ground and shall be bronze, granite, marble or taconite. The Town Board is not responsible for damage to markers, flag holders, etc., incurred in the mowing process.
13. Family plots may have a family name marker at the head-end of the lot and a foot-marker for each grave.
14. Only one interment per grave is permitted except as follows: only a husband and wife may be interred in one grave site with either cremains or one cremains and one casket burial.

15. No lot shall be used for any purpose other than the burial of human remains and the placement of appropriate memorials as permitted by cemetery rules.
16. Excavations and any related costs are the responsibility of the person(s) acting on behalf of the deceased. Blasting is not permitted.
17. Before any excavations are started, the clerk (in the absence of clerk, at least two Town Board members) must be notified. The clerk is responsible for defining the cemetery lot.
18. All cemetery associated fees, except excavating costs, shall be determined by the Town Board and are subject to change as the Board deems necessary.
19. Before any grave is opened for disinterment, written permission of the next of kin or other legal authority must be obtained. All disinterments must be supervised and paid for by those authorizing the disinterment. The excavation and disinterment and the related costs are the responsibility of the next of kin or other legal authority. No interment will be allowed between November 1 and May 1 except by court order.
20. On the death of a lot owner, all grave sites shall be granted and conveyed according to statutory succession unless provided for by will. The Town Board may request such evidence as it may deem necessary to prove that the grave sites in question are received by the person who would be entitled to receive them.
21. Only grave site ownership transfers accomplished through the Town Board will be recognized. The ownership transfer must be acted upon at an official Board meeting and duly noted in the minutes of the meeting. If the transfer is not noted in the minutes, no transfer of ownership will be recognized.
22. The Town Board has the right to buy a lot back from an owner at the original owner's purchase price.
23. The Town Board reserves the right to change these rules as they deem necessary. Lot owners must comply with the rules at the time of burial even if different than the rules at the time of lot purchase.
24. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any rule on a case-by-case basis. Such actions must be duly noted in the Township minutes.
25. Notification of interments of cremains must be made to the Town Clerk.
26. Town Board needs to approve the interment excavator.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL CEMETERY AND REGULATING ITS MAINTENANCE AND USE.

The City Council of _____, Minnesota ordains:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

City. The City of _____, Minnesota, owning and controlling the cemetery.

Cemetery. A tract of land used for burials or above-ground interment.

Burial Permit. Legal written permission for burial to occur.

Burial Vault. A container that houses a casket for final interment in the cemetery.

Columbarium. Above-ground hexagonal repository composed of niches to hold cremation urns.

Interment. Disposition of human remains or cremains by burial or entombment.

Mausoleums. An external free-standing building enclosing the interment space or burial chamber of a deceased person or persons.

Memorial. A monument, marker bench, or large urns (marked or unmarked).

Monument. A memorial of granite or other approved material that extends above the surface of the lawn.

Marker. A memorial of granite or other approved material that does not extend above the surface of the lawn.

SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT.

A cemetery has been established and is continued upon land owned by the City of _____, Minnesota, and described as _____ Cemetery, City of _____. The plat of the cemetery filed with the county recorder in _____ County, Minnesota, is adopted as the official plat of the cemetery. No person shall lay out or establish any cemetery, or use any lot of land within this City for the burial of dead except in _____ Cemetery, or some other tract of land duly designated as a cemetery.

SECTION 3. SALE OF LOTS.

The prices of cemetery lots and services will be set by resolution of the City Council. Any person paying for a lot is entitled to a license agreement conveying the lot. A license agreement conveying a lot gives the purchaser only the right of burial therein and shall be considered as a license that restricts the use to burial purposes.

SECTION 4. CONDITIONS OF LOT PURCHASE.

All lot agreements are subject to reasonable rules and regulations as the Council may adopt relative to the use of the cemetery. No lot shall be used for any purpose other than the burial of human remains and the placing of memorials as permitted by this ordinance or any additional regulation that the Council may provide.

SECTION 5. HANDLING OF FUNDS.

All money received from the sale of lots and other services must be paid to the City treasurer. No lot agreement to any cemetery lot shall be issued, nor any cemetery service performed until a receipt showing payment to the City of the cost thereof is exhibited to the person who issues the deed or performs the services. All money received from the sale of lots and performance of services shall be placed in the cemetery fund. The fund may be used only for payment of the purchase price of grounds, or maintenance and improvements to the cemetery. The treasurer shall keep an account of all receipts and disbursements of money belonging to the cemetery fund and shall pay money out of the fund as approved by the City Council.

SECTION 6. BURIAL PERMITS.

Before any interment, a burial permit shall be obtained from the funeral home or State Registrar of Vital Statistics. No interment shall be made unless the City is notified and a copy of such burial permit is filed with the City. Within thirty-six (36) hours after the death of any person in the City and before the body is removed for burial within the City, the mortician, funeral director, or person having charge of the interment shall apply for the permit. This application shall be accompanied by a death certificate as prescribed by the Minnesota Department of Health. No burial permit shall be issued until the application and death certificate is completed and presented. The body of a deceased person shall not be brought into the City for burial unless accompanied by a death certificate and permit for removal issued by the registrar of the registration district wherein the death occurred.

SECTION 7. INTERMENTS.

Permission in writing from a lot owner must accompany all requests for permission to bury bodies of persons that are not members of the immediate family of the lot owner. All excavations shall be made under the direction of the cemetery superintendent. When graves are requested to be dug by the superintendent or his agents, at least twenty-four (24) hours notice shall be given, and the outside dimensions of the case to be used and the location shall be specified. No interment may be made in the cemetery unless all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations regarding interments have been complied with and until purchase price of the lot and all burial fees are paid.

SECTION 8. BURIAL VAULTS.

All caskets must be encased in a permanent type burial case or vault. Fiberglass vaults are prohibited.

SECTION 9. FUNERAL SUPERVISION.

All funerals, on reaching the cemetery, shall be under the supervision of cemetery management.

SECTION 10. DISINTERMENT AND REMOVAL.

Before any grave may be opened, written permission of the lot owner and the next of kin shall be filed with the cemetery superintendent, a permit from the county health officer shall be secured and presented, and the required fees paid. This provision does not apply when disinterment is ordered by a duly authorized public authority.

- (a) Removal of a body by the heirs so that the lot may be sold for profit to themselves, or removal contrary to the expressed or implied wish of the original lot owner is forbidden.
- (b) A body may be removed from its original lot to a larger or better lot in the cemetery when there has been an exchange or purchase for that purpose.
- (c) The City shall assume no liability for damage to any casket or burial case in making the disinterment and removal.

SECTION 11. TRANSFER OF LOTS.

No cemetery lot or fractional lot may be resold or otherwise disposed of, except by will, without the approval of the City Council, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Minn. Stat. § 306.15.

SECTION 12. CITY RE-PURCHASE OF UNUSED CEMETERY LOT.

A lot owner may sell his or her unused lot back to the City. The City may purchase the lot at sixty-five (65) percent of the original cost.

Note: Re-purchase percentage at the discretion of the City.

SECTION 13. CONDUCT OF PERSONS IN THE CEMETERY.

- (a) No person may discharge any firearm within the cemetery grounds without written permission of the superintendent.
- (b) No person may remove any object from any place in the cemetery or make any excavation without the written permission of the superintendent.
- (c) No person may obstruct any driveway or path in the cemetery or in any way injure, deface, or destroy any structure, grave, flower, tree, or other thing in the cemetery.
- (d) No person may drive any vehicle at a speed exceeding ten (10) miles per hour. All automobiles must be kept off the grass.
- (e) No person may disturb the quiet of the cemetery by noise or improper conduct of any kind.
- (f) No person may enter or leave the cemetery except at the entrances provided.
- (g) No person may use the cemetery grounds or any road therein as a public thoroughfare, nor drive any vehicle through the cemetery grounds except for purposes relating to the cemetery.

(h) Children shall not be permitted to engage in playing within cemetery grounds, and children under ten (10) years of age shall not be admitted to the grounds unless accompanied by an adult, who shall be responsible for their conduct while therein.

(i) Animals must be on a leash and under control at all times.

SECTION 14. MONUMENTS and MARKERS.

All monuments and markers shall be placed in the space shown on the cemetery plat or as directed by the superintendent. No monument may be placed on a lot platted for less than _____ burials. No monument or marker may be placed unless the location has been approved by the superintendent and the full purchase price of the lot has been paid. Monuments and markers must be constructed of granite, marble, or bronze material. The base area of monuments shall not exceed ____ percent of the lot area nor shall the height exceed ____ inches above the ground surface.

Single markers shall consist of one piece and shall not be less than _____ nor more than _____ inches in width nor less than ____ inches in height and shall not exceed ____ inches in height above the ground surface. Double markers shall not exceed ____ inches in length. Other dimensions of double markers shall be the same as for single markers. These restrictions shall not apply to monuments provided by the federal government.



Note that cities may also regulate the number of burials allowed per lot.

SECTION 15. FOUNDATIONS.

All monuments and markers shall be placed on foundations of solid masonry at a depth and size to be determined by the cemetery superintendent. Markers of the base of a monument shall not extend over the foundations more than one-half inch. The top of all foundations shall not be higher than two inches below the established grade. The City reserves the right to excavate and build all foundations.

SECTION 16. INSTALLATION OF MONUMENTS AND MARKERS.

Upon placement of an order for a monument, the lot owner or monument salesperson shall furnish the dimensions of the proposed monument to the cemetery superintendent, who in turn will authorize the construction of the foundation, and all charges must be paid before the monument is placed thereon.

(a) Persons engaged in erecting monuments and other structures shall provide adequate planking to protect turf and shall remove all materials, equipment, and refuse immediately upon completion of the work.

(b) Scattering of materials on adjoining lots, or leaving materials on the ground longer than absolutely necessary is prohibited. In all cases the work is subject to the control of the cemetery superintendent and work must be conducted within the regulations of the cemetery. Ropes and cables may be attached to trees or other objects only on approval of the superintendent.

SECTION 17. MAUSOLEUMS.

Mausoleums may be placed only on cemetery lots designated by the City Council for such structures.

SECTION 18. COLUMBARIUM NICHES.

Each niche may contain two cremation urns of appropriate size. The cost of a niche will include burial opening and closing costs. Two four (4) inch by ten (10) inch bronze plaques will be included per niche. Each plaque must be engraved according to cemetery specifications. No other additional ornamentation will be allowed on or in front of the columbarium.

SECTION 19. DECORATION OF LOTS.

(a) Plants, shrubs, and flowers may be placed on cemetery lots in areas designated by the cemetery superintendent. No trees or vines may be planted, nor may fences be erected. The City reserves the right to remove any tree shrub, vine, plant, or flower that may become unsightly, dangerous, or not in keeping with the landscape design of the cemetery. The City shall not be responsible for damaged, lost, or misplaced flower containers.

(b) The placing of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, settees, glass, wood or iron cases, and similar articles upon lots shall not be permitted; if such items are placed, the City may remove them.

(c) All objects not described above, including balloons, banners, food and beverages, knick-knacks, shepherd hooks, solar lights and lanterns, stuffed animals, wind chimes, windmills, windsocks, and statuary not incorporated into a monument, are prohibited and may be subject to immediate removal.

(d) The City reserves the right to remove all monuments, markers, flowers, plants, trees, decorations, or other similar things without liability to the owner whenever any of these objects become unsafe.

SECTION 20. HOURS.

The cemetery will be open to visitors during the hours of ____ to _____. Permission to enter at other times may be secured from the superintendent.

SECTION 21. PENALTY.

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to fines as set by the court.

Passed by the City Council of _____, Minnesota this _____ day of Month, Year.

Mayor

Attested:

City Clerk