

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Maple Grove Cemetery, Mason, Michigan
Effective: July 1, 2002

1. At least eight (8) regular working hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) notice must be given the Cemetery Director whenever an interment is to be made, and all interments must be made by the Cemetery Director or his/her assistants, or under his/her supervision. No person will be permitted to dig a grave or open any grave already there without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Cemetery Director. No Sunday burials.
2. No interment shall be permitted until the lot is fully paid for or until satisfactory arrangements are made with the City Clerk or Board of Trustees for the full payment of same, and no lot will be regarded as sold until it is fully paid for.
3. There shall be no burials, shrubs planted, monuments or markers placed on any lot until all outstanding debts against that lot are satisfied and Perpetual Care is applied to the lot in accordance with State Statute.
4. Whenever an interment is made, a burial record form must be completed and provided to the Cemetery Director, giving the name of the person interred, residence at time of death, date of birth, date of death, and date of interment.
5. All burials shall be in metal or concrete vaults, or concrete rough boxes, except for cremations and infant burials in casket size of two feet six inches (2.6") or less.
6. No elevated mounds shall be built over graves, and no lot shall be filled above the grade established by the Cemetery Director.
7. The Cemetery Director shall establish the grade of all lots and lawn. The Cemetery board of Trustees and the City Administrator shall direct all improvements to be made in Maple Grove Cemetery, before as well as after, interments have been made therein. The Cemetery Board of Trustees reserves the right to remove any tree, plant, shrub, or any other object that violates Cemetery Rules and Regulations.
8. All markers and monuments shall be installed under the supervision of the Cemetery Director. All foundations shall be placed by Maple Grove Cemetery employees except those markers which the American Legion Browne/Cavender Post #148 installs as part of the "Row of Flags". All marble markers and monuments are prohibited. All military markers four inches (4") or less thick shall be installed flush with the ground unless used as a double marker on a granite base. Lot corner markers may be used if level with the ground.
9. The following material in any form will not be permitted: sandstone, slate, artificial stone, field stone, terra cotta, wood, iron, glass, unconsolidated material (i.e. wood chips, stone etc.), and all kinds of landscape edging.

10. Hanging baskets, wire baskets, glass covered or wood boxes, chairs, benches, settees and fencing are classified as undesirable ornaments in the Cemetery and are prohibited.
11. Any person driving a vehicle in the Maple Grove Cemetery shall be responsible for any damage done to the Cemetery, including its privately owned contents, by said vehicle.
12. No person shall drive a vehicle in excess of 15 miles per hour on any Cemetery road, or drive off the established roads unless permission is given by the Cemetery Director.
13. All dogs and other domestic animals are prohibited from running at large on the grounds, and the owners of same will be held responsible for any damage done.
14. All persons are prohibited from picking any flowers or breaking or injuring any tree, plant, or shrub on the Cemetery grounds.
15. The Cemetery Director shall reserve the right to remove funeral designs and floral pieces as soon as they become unsightly.
16. Winter decorations, artificial flowers, figurines and decorations (not to exceed 18 inches in height) may be maintained on graves from November 1 to April 1. If such decorations are not removed by April 1, they shall be considered abandoned and may be disposed of by the Cemetery Director.
17. No sod may be removed from any Cemetery lot except within eighteen inches (18") of a marker or monument on the interment side for planting flowers. All rose bushes containing thorns are prohibited.
18. Any urn that has not been used for five (5) consecutive years may be removed from the Cemetery by the Cemetery Director or his/her designees.
19. No shrubs or trees shall be planted until prior approval has been given by the Cemetery Director. Plantings will only be permitted at the ends of the monuments. No shrubs or trees will be permitted which will exceed five feet (5') at maturity.
20. Visitors will be admitted every day from sunrise to sunset.
21. The Cemetery Director or his/her designees shall have the care of the Maple Grove Cemetery, and are hereby authorized to have removed all those who violate these rules or commit trespass.
22. The Cemetery Director and Board of Trustees have no private ends to subserve or any pecuniary interest to benefit, and be proud of the beauty of Maple Grove Cemetery, will be pleased to consult with and advise lot owners looking toward further improvements of the grounds.

All of the above rules were adopted by the Board of Trustees and have been excerpted from the original minutes, which are on file in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Mason, Michigan. These rules were amended May 14, 2002

BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES