

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY HUDSON, MICHIGAN

In adopting these rules and regulations, we hope that they will be kindly received and the several points mentioned carefully considered as we are all working together to promote the beauty of Maple Grove Cemetery.

It is the aim of the Hudson City Council to make Maple Grove Cemetery a quiet, beautiful resting place as well as keeping abreast with modern cemetery improvements, proper mode of burial and respectful observance of the sacredness of the place.

To preserve this property requires the co-operation of lot owners. Anything that would mar the general beauty and harmony must be avoided.

SALE OF LOTS

Section 1:

Lots may be purchased from the City Clerk at the City Office. Ownership of lots permits only the burial of the dead and erection of memorials in accordance with the rules and regulations. A deed (or permit to bury) will be issued only upon payment in full of the purchase price of the lot as established by the City Council. Burial and erection of monuments will be permitted only on lots for which the full amount has been paid.

Section 2:

In the event burials have been made on a lot for which payment has not been made in full the City Council reserves the right to move the body to a single burial section or leave it in its present location and retain ownership of the balance of the lot which it may sell if it deems necessary.

Section 3:

Any person wishing to sell or transfer ownership of any lot or portion of lot may do so by recording the transfer at the City Office. The City Council will not recognize ownership which was not recorded and will not permit burial on lots transferred without recording.

PERPETUAL CARE

Section 1:

Perpetual care shall consist only of the reasonable care and maintenance of lots as prescribed in these rules and regulations. Perpetual care is included in the purchase price of all lots in the cemetery.

Section 2:

Perpetual care shall not constitute the care of flowers, shrubs, memorials or any other objects or decorations placed on lots.

BURIALS

Section 1:

All burials are under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works and may be made only by persons authorized by the City Council. A proper and approved vault must be used for all burials.

Section 2:

The Superintendent must be notified at least 24 hours in advance of time set for burials. A representative of the family shall select the grave to be opened. In the event this selection is not made the Superintendent is authorized to select the grave and the City Council assumes no responsibility concerning the location.

Section 3:

The fee for burial service is established by the City Council and is on file at the City Office. All fees must be paid not later than the time of burial.

MEMORIALS

Section 1:

Until the lot on which it is to be erected has been paid for, a certificate of ownership issued, and all accrued charges for services rendered paid in full, no memorial work will be permitted.

Monuments and markers shall be placed on the grave lot only in the position designated by the rules and regulations; or in the absence of a rule or regulation, then as designated by the Superintendent or the City Manager.

All foundations for memorials shall be of cement and shall be installed by the Department of Public Works staff, the charges for which shall be uniform and on record at the City Office. Such charges shall be paid before memorial work is erected.

Section 2:

In section A, B, G, and H and blocks A to Y one (1) above ground memorial may be placed on each grave. The length of the memorial may not exceed the width of the lot and in no case may the width of the memorial obstruct the vault opening. Memorials must be placed at the head of the grave as determined by the Superintendent. A footstone may be placed at the foot of the grave and must be flush with the ground.

Space permitting, one (1) family monument above ground may be placed on each lot of eight (8) graves or one-half lot of four (4) graves, providing this one-half lot shall consist of two (2) graves at the front of the lot and Two (2) graves at the rear of the lot directly behind those at the front.

Location of memorials that do not readily meet the above criteria will be designated by the Superintendent or the City Manager.

Cement may be used only as a foundation for permanent markers and may not be used to construct the marker proper.

FLOWERS, SHRUBS, VINES, TREES, and DECORATIONS

Section 1:

In sections A, B, G, H, and Blocks A to Y the following rules apply:

The setting of individual pots or plants in the ground is prohibited. Flowers may be placed in pots or urns above the ground and in line with markers or monuments. Only one (1) pot allowed per grave. The City Council reserves the right to remove or relocate any flowers, pots, or urns not placed or cared for according to the rules and regulations.

Section 2:

The planting of any flowers, shrubs, vines, or trees on the cemetery is prohibited except when planted by the Department of Public Works.

Section 3:

Pruning, trimming, or removal of any tree, shrub, or plant is under the supervision of the Superintendent and may not be done without permission.

Section 4:

Cut flowers may be placed on any lot or grave during the period one (1) week before and one (1) week after Memorial Day. Cut flowers may also be placed on any lot or grave for a period or One (1) week after a new burial. At all other times flowers must be in pots, urns, or vases.

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1:

The City Council assumes no responsibility for any memorials, monuments, plants, shrubs, decorations or other articles placed upon the lots except ordinary care and consideration. The City Council reserves the right to remove any object it deems unsightly or detrimental to the appearance of the cemetery or in violation of the regulations.

Section 2:

The City Council reserves the right to change or revise any or all rules and regulations whenever it deems necessary and may, if necessary, suspend any rule or regulations temporarily to ease a hardship on a lot owner. However, this does not constitute a cancellation of this rule as far as other owners may be concerned.

Section 3:

The City Council assumes no responsibility for damages by Acts of God, vandalism, theft or other acts not under its control.