

# **Goshen Township Cemeteries-Rules and Regulations**

These regulations are in addition to any and all special rules governing the operation and maintenance of the Goshen Township Cemeteries.

Regulations are designed to preserve the eternal peace and beauty of the cemeteries. There are special regulations governing memorials, deeds, transfers, etc. which deal more specifically with individual problems. Please consult us before proceeding to make any changes not covered by these regulations.

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

Weekdays: 7:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Sexton Telephone: 722-3400

## **VISITING HOURS:**

The gates of the Goshen Cemeteries are open everyday of the year from 8:00 a.m. until dusk. The gates possibly could be closed in times of large snowstorms. Feel free to visit anytime.

## **VISITATION**

1. Visitors to our cemeteries are welcome. Please remember that a cemetery is the last resting place of the departed, and the dignity and tranquility of the cemetery must be preserved and protected.
2. Children are not permitted to play on cemetery grounds.
3. Pet animals are not permitted in the cemeteries unless they remain confined within the owner's vehicle. The only exception to this rule are animals used to assist visual or hearing-impaired persons or handicapped.
4. No one is allowed to drive, ride, or park on any part of the cemetery grounds except on roadway provided. The speed limit is 10 miles per hour. Please give the right of way to funerals and avoid passing in area where services are being held.
5. The Township is not responsible for any accidents or injuries which may occur on Township cemetery property.

## **PURCHASE OF LOTS**

1. Available cemetery lots may be purchased at 6757 Goshen Road, Goshen, Ohio, during normal office hours.
2. Lot prices are listed on the Rate Schedule and are subject to change.
3. Any lot owner may grant permission, by written order, for the burial of other than immediate family members in his/her lot.
4. The Township will re-purchase lots at original price sold.

## **BURIALS**

1. Funeral arrangements must be coordinated through the Township Office. The Township must be notified a minimum of twenty-four hours before interment.

Phone: 513-722-3400.

2. Charges for services are shown on the Rate Schedule and are subject to change. The Sexton is responsible for the collection of all monies for service rendered and funds due the cemetery. All charges must be paid to the Sexton before interment and must be in the form of cash, check or money order.

3. All interments must be placed in a concrete vault. For concrete boxes a one-piece lid is required.

4. Only Township employees under the supervision of the Sexton are allowed to dig graves or perform related labor on cemetery grounds.

5. Infants may be buried at the head or foot of an occupied or unoccupied grave.

6. Cremains may be buried in one grave or one grave can hold several containers of ashes. Cremains also may be buried in an occupied grave.

## **FOUNDATIONS/MARKERS**

1. The costs of foundations are shown on the Rate Schedule and are subject to change.

2. Foundations are installed by Township employees and are placed in line to conform with existing markers. All monuments will have a foundation.

3. Veteran monuments will be placed at the foot of the grave and flush mounted.

4. No homemade monuments may be placed on any lot. All grave markers and monuments shall be granite, marble or bronze, and any exception to this shall have the approval of the Sexton.

5. The Township will be responsible for our damage to monuments, markers and stones in the cemetery that may be caused in the ordinary care to the cemetery. The hauling of monuments or other heavy hauling over the avenues of the cemetery will not be permitted without permission of the Sexton.

6. Foundations for new graves are not laid until six months after the burial to allow the ground to settle. Foundations for Goshen Cemeteries are installed prior to Memorial Day and in the fall of the year. Orders must be in by April 1 and September 1.

7. Sexton will make final determination of location for monuments.

## **DECORATIONS**

1. Nothing anchored down by wires will be permitted. Absolutely no glass containers, vases, jars or tin cans will be permitted.

2. Absolutely no planting of any flowers or shrubbery on the lots or surrounding areas. No flowerpots or boxes may be permitted to be set into the grave.

3. Boxes, shells, toys, shepherd hooks and similar objects placed on graves or lots are inconsistent with the proper keeping of the grounds and are not permitted.

4. Flowers and other decorations placed on graves are periodically removed for grass mowing and other maintenance.

5. For the general operation of the cemetery, live flowers are only permitted between the dates of March 1st and November 15th of each year. Artificial flowers and wreaths are permitted between November 15th and March 1st. Live flowers will be collected as they die. Artificial flowers will be removed after March 1st unless they are attached to the monument. The Township does not assume responsibility for flowers or shrubbery on a grave site within the cemetery.
6. Holiday decorations will be removed two weeks after the holiday except during mowing season and except those in monument vases or on the monument.
7. Any beautification of the cemetery is permissible, however, permission must be obtained from the Sexton with the approval of the Township Trustees, since the removal or erection of a structure or object, or the planting of plants or shrubs may be considered injurious to the general appearance of the cemetery. If ivy is planted on a grave, it must be maintained.
8. Sexton may remove any type of flower after 30 days.
9. The Township is not responsible for loss of flowers, vases and decorations due to theft or for damage to stones due to vandalism.

### **OWNERSHIP TRANSFERS, ETC.**

Each owner will receive a deed for their cemetery lot. However, when the owner is deceased and buried in the lot, the lawful heirs may designate who is to be buried in the unused portion.

The Goshen Township Board of Trustees is an Association of Lot Owners. Each has a voice in the management of the cemeteries. The affairs of the Association are governed by the Board of Trustees. The management and operation of the cemeteries are under the direction of the Sexton, who serves at the pleasure of the Trustees.

### **MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCEMENT**

1. Cemetery maintenance work may only be performed by Township employees or by duly authorized outside contractors. All maintenance work is performed under the supervision of the Sexton.
2. Township employees are charged with the responsibility of enforcing cemetery rules and regulations.

### **RATE SCHEDULE**

Residents:

First Grave.....\$450.00

Succeeding Graves.....\$425.00

Non-Residents:

All Graves.....\$2000.00

Premium plots will carry an additional \$70.00 per grave charge. In reference to unplotted sites in either cemetery, there will be an additional \$180.00 charge for locating and installing corner markers.

## **OPENING AND CLOSING**

### **SCHEDULED BURIALS: MONDAY-FRIDAY**

9:00AM to 2:30PM.....\$500.00

AFTER 2:30PM.....\$575.00

Opening and Closing includes equipment, grass seed and all grave fees.

Infant Burial.....\$200.00

\*Infant vaults 24 x 48 inches or larger will be an additional \$250.00.

Interment of ashes in vault.....\$250.00

Disinterment: Adult.....\$800.00

## **TENT/CHAPEL**

The optional use of the tent in Myers Cemetery in good weather will cost an additional \$75.00. There is no tent use in Goshen Cemetery. The Chapel will be used in inclement weather. Optional use of the Chapel in good weather will cost an additional \$75.00.

## **OVERTIME**

Saturdays.....\$700.00

There is a \$75.00 per hour additional charge after 11:00AM on Saturdays and a \$75.00 per hour additional charge for services past 2:30PM on weekdays. *NO SUNDAY OR HOLIDAY BURIALS PERMITTED*

## **FOUNDATION CHARGES**

Monument size 1' x 2' or under is \$144.00.

Monument size over 1' x 2' is \$ .50 per square inch.

Adopted by  
Goshen Township Board of Trustees  
February 1, 2007