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Goshen/Myer Cemetery Rules and Regulations

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 AM – 3:30 PM Sexton Telephone: 513-722-3400 ext. 333

You may make an appointment for special assistance, and by calling in advance, you may be assured of prompt, efficient service.

Visiting Hours:

The gates of Goshen/Myer Cemetery are open every day of the year. The gates possibly could be closed in times of large snowstorms. Feel free to visit anytime.

Cemetery Rules 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 roadways provided. The speed limit is 10 MPH. 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 occur on cemetery property

Purchase of lots

- 1. Available cemetery lots may be purchased at 6757 Goshen Rd, Goshen, Ohio, during normal office hours.
- 2. Lot prices are listed on the Fee 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 may, at its discretion, repurchase grave space at original purchase price, or on such other terms as the Board of Trustees may approve.

Burials

- 1. Funeral arrangements must be coordinated through the Township Office. The Township must be notified a minimum of 24 hours before interment. Phone 513-722-3400 ext. 333
- 2. Charges for services are shown on the Goshen/Myer cemetery Fee Schedule and are subject to change. The Sexton is responsible for the collection of all monies for service rendered and funds due to the cemetery. All charges must be paid to the Sexton before internment and must be in the form of cash, check or money order.
- 3. All internments 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 six containers of ashes. Cremations also can be buried in an occupied grave.

Foundations/Markers

- 1. The cost of foundations are shown on the Goshen/Myer cemetery Fee 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 foundations.
- 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. Any exception to this rule shall have approval of the Sexton.
- 5. The Township is NOT responsible for damage to monuments, markers, or stones in the cemeteries caused by the ordinary care of neither the cemeteries nor any other accident which may occur on cemetery property. 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 6 months after the burial to allow the ground to settle. Foundations for Goshen/Myer cemeteries are installed prior to Memorial Day and in the fall of the year. Orders must be in by April 1st and September 1st.
- 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 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.
- 6. 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.
- 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 planting of plants or shrubs may be considered injurious to the general appearance of the cemetery.
- 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 graves.

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.

Columbarium

In 2021, the Goshen Township Trustees erected a Columbarium in Goshen Cemetery. It was established in order to provide an alternative method of burial for cremation. The adopted Cemetery Rules and Regulations apply to the Columbarium as well as the following specific rules:

- 1. The following definitions are included to provide clarification of terminology:
- 2. A maximum of two (2) cremains will be allowed per niche.
- 3. All cremains must be contained within a suitable container as determined by the Sexton.
- 4. Inurnments are done Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.
- 5. Saturday inurnments are additional charge. (see Fee Schedule)
- 6. No inurnments will be allowed on Sundays, Holidays or Holiday weekends.
- 7. All inscriptions on columbarium will be performed by Township Personnel or a designated agent. Said inscriptions will be uniform in style. No other inscriptions or decorations of the visible surface of the columbarium will be permitted.
- 8. Placing of decorations using tape, glue stickers or wires is strictly prohibited.
- 9. The Township may, in its discretion, repurchase a Niche at the original purchase price.

Adopted Rules and Regulations by Goshen Township Board of Trustees on 1/12/2021