



CANFIELD TOWNSHIP

Mahoning County, Ohio

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Cornersburg Union Cemetery Rules & Regulations

INTRODUCTION: These rules and regulations are designed for the protection of owners of interment and/or inurnment rights as a group. Their enforcement will help protect the Cemetery, create and preserve its beauty. These rules and regulations are hereby adopted as the rules and regulations of the Cemetery, and all owners of interment or inurnment rights, visitors and contractors performing work within the Cemetery, shall be subject to said rules and regulation, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by the Cemetery from time to time, hereby superseding any and all previous Rules and Regulations. These Rules shall be strictly enforced by the Board of Trustees or by such authorized individual(s) as appointed by the Canfield Township Board of Trustees.

Canfield Township determined that it is necessary for the regulation, protection and preservation of the Cornersburg Union Cemetery to prohibit future interments, inurnments, sale of lots, repurchase of lots and transfer of lots. Due to the unreliability of the burial records the Township cannot ensure the exact burial site or who is buried there, therefore future interments would endanger the public health or offend public sensibilities, and it's not physically possible to make additional lots available.

If the owner of a lot located in the Cornersburg Union Cemetery is able to provide the Township with sufficient proof of ownership of a lot or burial space, the Township may provide the owner with a lot, if available, in Dean Hill Cemetery. The owner would be required to sign a consent and release.

Section 1. – Disinterment and Reinterment:

1. All disinterments shall comply with the Cornersburg Union Cemetery rules and regulations and with R.C. 517.23 and 517.24, as amended from time to time.
2. The opening and closing of a grave for disinterment shall be performed by Canfield Township at a cost of \$1,000.00 which shall be paid to the Township before the disinterment is scheduled. An additional fee may apply if the opening or closing takes place on the weekend or a holiday.
3. Canfield Township shall use the utmost care in disinterments and shall not assume liability for any damage incurred.
4. The applicant, at their own expense, must procure the company that will perform the disinterment and reinterment, if applicable. The company performing the disinterment must provide proof of insurance acceptable to the Township prior to performing any service. Furthermore, the applicant and/or company will be responsible for any damages caused by said disinterment and must agree, in writing, to indemnify and hold the Township harmless.
5. All work must be scheduled with the Canfield Township Cemetery Sexton.
6. The disinterment shall occur within thirty days from either the date the Board of Trustees grants the Application for Disinterment or the Probate Court issues an Order to Disinter Remains.

7. The applicant shall file a Verification of Reinterment within thirty (30) days from disinterment that the remains of the decedent have been reinterred.

Section 2 – Monuments and Markers:

1. Monuments and markers may only be installed with permission from the Township. The Township may require proof of ownership of the lot prior to any installation.
2. Monuments and markers shall be set on concrete foundations. Foundations shall only be installed by Canfield Township personnel.
3. Foundation fees are \$0.50 per square surface inch and must be paid for in advance of the performed service.
4. Foundations shall be installed as weather permits and shall not be installed from November to April.
5. All monuments and markers shall meet the following specifications:
 - a. Lettering is allowed on both sides provided the stone is finished or polished on each side.
 - b. The monument base shall not exceed the dimension of the foundation.
 - c. Monuments must be cut to properly fit the foundation or the monument company will be responsible for the expense of pouring a new foundation.
 - d. All monuments and markers must be kept in line within the section.
 - e. No monuments or markers shall be allowed at the grave unless the foundation is complete.
 - f. Only one monument or marker shall be permitted per grave and must be placed at the head of the grave.
6. Monument companies erecting monuments and markers assume all liability for damage to lawns, trees, shrubbery, other fixtures, etc.

Section 3 – Cemetery Care:

1. Canfield Township shall:
 - a. Assume responsibility for cutting the grass, removing leaves and trash.
 - b. Level and fill sunken graves to keep level with surroundings.
2. Decorations and Plantings
 - a. Flags, summer decorations and flowers shall be permitted from April 1 to November 15 and shall not exceed six items per grave.
 - b. Wreaths or holiday decorations shall be permitted from December 1 to March 15 and shall not exceed six items per grave.
 - c. Signs, banners, and balloons shall be prohibited.
 - d. Graves with more than 6 items shall be brought into compliance by the Canfield Township Cemetery Sexton.
 - e. Items not removed by the indicated dates shall be removed by the Canfield Township Cemetery Sexton.
3. Planting of trees or shrubbery shall be prohibited.

Section 4 – Grounds:

1. In order to promote, preserve or improve the appearance, dignity and safety of the cemetery the following is necessary:
 - a. The Cemetery shall be closed from dusk to dawn.
 - b. No one shall be permitted to sit or lounge on the grounds, graves or monuments.
 - c. Children shall not be permitted to use the cemetery as a playground.
 - d. Pets shall be prohibited in the cemetery with the exception of animals aiding the disabled.
 - e. Under no circumstances shall glass vases be placed on a grave.
2. The Canfield Township Cemetery Sexton shall have responsibility for the cemetery and enforcing all of the above rules and regulations.

If any section or portion of these Rules and Regulations is determined to not be in compliance under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 517.06 Cemeteries, said Chapter shall supersede that section or portion of the Rules and Regulations.

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