

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF GRANGER TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES

ARTICLE I: RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. Lots are sold only for use of the family, their relatives, and their descendants. At the time of lot purchase, a Burial Location Designation Form must be completed.
- B. Only human remains may be buried in Granger Township Cemeteries.
- C. All opening of graves must be done by the employees, or under the direction of Granger Township.
- D. All grave service charges are payable to Granger Township, 3717 Ridge Rd., Medina, OH 44256 before or at the time of burial.
- E. No funerals on Sundays or general holidays are allowed in Granger Cemeteries without special arrangements.
- F. Wooden vaults or outer boxes are forbidden.
- G. Grave surfaces shall be kept level with the surrounding terrain. It is difficult to mow, or to make grass grow upon a mound. A smooth sward is more pleasing, and mounds are no longer necessary to mark graves sites, as an exact record of their location is kept by the Cemetery.
- H. Subject to the approval of the Trustees, the planting of flowers will be permitted around monument, provided however, that no planting of any kind will be permitted on graves. Any planting made in violation of this rule may be removed without notice. It is advisable to make the necessary arrangements at the cemetery before planting material is purchased.
- I. The Trustees may direct that any work done within cemetery grounds for remuneration shall be performed by cemetery employees, or contracted persons.
- J. If any tree or shrub standing on any lot shall, by means of its roots, branch, or otherwise, become detrimental, dangerous, or inconvenient to adjacent lots or walks, or if it becomes un-sightly, the Trustees shall have the right, and it shall be their duty to remove such tree or shrub, or any portion thereof, as they shall judge necessary.
- K. No turf may be removed for flower bed or other purpose without first obtaining the Trustee's permission.
- L. The cemetery will maintain, as nearly as may be practical, the planting of trees and shrubs that are contained in the landscaping and general background of the cemetery, but does not undertake plantings on individual lots.

- M. No fence, hedge, enclosure, or curbing of any kind will be allowed on burial lots.
- N. Unused cans, crockery, boxes, baskets, shells, or watering pots left on graves or lots are detrimental to the appearance of the cemetery, and such articles will be removed from the graves and lots.
- O. No persons shall deposit debris, rubbish, or waste material anywhere within cemetery limits.
- P. Persons wishing to make improvements of any kind on their own lots must first consult the Trustees.
- Q. The Township of Granger will use reasonable care in engaging competent and experienced cemetery employees, and in seeing that they do their work with customary carefulness, but it disclaims any responsibility or liability for accident or damage to headstones, vases, or monuments resulting from the ordinary hazards of cemetery work. Nor does it assume any liability for accident or damage to person or property due to defects of machinery, implements, tools, and equipment used in cemetery work.
- R. Metal emblems may be placed on graves when permitted by the Trustees. Such emblems shall be removed when deemed advisable by the Trustees.
- S. The Cemetery hours are from sunrise to sunset.

ARTICLE II: FLORAL DECORATIONS, VASES, AND URNS

- A. Permanent urns may be placed in the cemetery by obtaining permission of the Trustees, who shall be consulted as to their location and size.
- B. Hanging baskets shall be suspended from a single hook standard.
- C. In order to maintain a neat appearance throughout the cemetery the Trustees may remove the planting from any urn or basket which becomes unsightly through lack of care.
- D. When an urn remains unplanted later than June 1st or when it becomes worn out and dilapidated, it will be removed without further notice.
- E. Potted plants or cut flowers may be placed around any monument. All withered and faded flowers will be removed when lots are mowed.
- F. Funeral designs and floral pieces will be removed from the graves when they become wilted or unsightly. Persons desiring to retain any must remove same within 48 hours after the interment. In no case will employees attempt to locate designs or floral pieces after their removal from a lot.
- G. All floral baskets, designs, and wreaths will be removed when they become unsightly.

ARTICLE III: MARKERS AND MONUMENTS

- A. No monuments or markers may be erected or placed in the cemetery unless specifications, plans, and location have been first submitted to and approved by cemetery authorities. In no case will more than one upright monument be allowed on one lot.
- B. Monuments for a single grave must not be more than 36 inches in height, not less than 10 inches or over 14 inches in width, and not over 30 inches in length. Double grave monuments must not be more than 14 inches in width, not more than 48 inches in length, and not more than 36 inches in height. Flush monuments shall meet the same width and length size. Monuments will be placed at the west-end of graves located in Coddingtonville and Fairview Cemeteries and the south-end of graves located in Reid Hill Cemetery.
- C. Grave markers furnished by funeral director may be used temporarily.
- D. Bronze military markers shall be permitted to be placed on the back of upright monuments, where space is permitted or at the foot of a grave that already has a upright monument.
- E. To ensure permanency, all foundations shall be built by the cemetery employees at the expense of the grave site owners. Prices for foundations will be set by the Township Trustees.
- F. The Trustees, or their appointed representative, shall have authority to inspect the setting of any monument or marker, and if improperly done, order the resetting of same.
- G. After a monument or marker has been placed in the cemetery, it may not be removed without permission of the Trustees.
- H. Monuments or markers with porcelain photographs inserted are not permitted. Nor is any grotesque, freakish, or unusual design, ornamentation or size permitted.

ARTICLE IV: INTERMENTS:

- A. The number of interments which may be properly made on a lot is definitely fixed at the time of purchase, and no more will be permitted. In order that uniformity may be sustained, the Trustees will determine the location of graves on a lot.
- B. Only one body shall be allowed in a grave. A cremains or infant burial over an adult's grave may be permitted, provided that the adult burial is of sufficient depth, and in a permanent vault, and approved by the Trustees.
- C. Up to four Cremation Burials will be allowed per grave.

- D. No interment may be made unless the body is accompanied by a burial permit (usually procured by the undertaker).
- E. The Trustees, or their appointed representative, shall be contacted before the setting of time of any funeral to avoid conflict with another funeral. Notice of not less than 48 working hours shall be given for the opening of a grave if possible. All funeral processions while upon the cemetery grounds shall be under the direction and control of the cemetery attendant, or his authorized agent.
- F. Wooden vaults or outer boxes are forbidden.
- G. All opening and closing of the grave shall be under the direction of the Granger Township Trustees.
- H. Interment charges are due and payable to Granger Township 3717 Ridge Road, Medina, OH 44256 on or before the opening and closing of a grave.

ARTICLE V: DISINTERMENTS

- A. Disinterment will be made upon Court Order, or permission to make disinterment not ordered by the court will be given upon written order of the lot owner, or surviving wife or husband, or children, if of legal age, or parents of deceased (in the order stated), provided, however, such disinterment is not made for profit or other reasons considered improper by cemetery authorities.
- B. No disinterment will be made until all State Regulations and Rules of the local Health Authorities have been complied with.

ARTICLE VI: LOT AND RELOCATIONS

- A. The purchase of lots shall be arranged through the Sexton of Granger Township, one of the Trustees, or their authorized representative, who will show the lots which are for sale.
- B. When a section of the cemetery has been platted and prepared for sale, the price of lots shall be fixed by the Township Trustees, and shall be on file in the Fiscal Officer and Sexton's office.
- C. The deed to a lot conveys only burial rights and the title to the land remains in the Township of Granger.

- D. In general, all lot sales are for cash and the bill is payable at the time of purchase to Granger Township.
- E. The status of a resident or non-resident shall be determined by the Ohio laws governing legal residence for voting purposes.
 - 1. The number of cemetery lots able to be purchased at resident rates shall be determined by the number of full-time residents of the household (as defined by Ohio Law) at the time of the purchase.
- F. Past Residents of Granger Township who can prove residency exceeding ten years as an adult are eligible to purchase up to two graves at the resident rate in force at the time of purchase. An adult is defined as an individual who has attained an age of eighteen years old.

Proof of residency will be reviewed by the Sexton. The Sexton will determine if the proof of residency provided meets the ten-year requirement of this section.

ARTICLE VII: TRANSFER OF TITLE

- A. Lot owners are permitted to sell, transfer or assign their interest in said lots back to Township Trustees only.
- B. The board of township trustees shall have right of reentry to the cemetery lot or right if the notification requirements are not met. At least ninety days before establishing reentry, the board shall publish a notice on the board's internet web site, if applicable, and shall send a notice by certified mail to the last known owner at the owner's last known address to inform the owner that the owner's interest in the lot or right will cease unless the notification requirements are met. If the owner's address is unknown and cannot reasonably be obtained, the notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. In order to establish reentry, the board shall pass a resolution stating that the conditions of the sale or of the deed have not been fulfilled, and that the board reclaims its interest in the lot or right.
- C. The cemetery lot shall be used by the owner within fifty years but has the right to renew that time period at no cost. At least ninety days before the termination date for use of the cemetery lot, tomb, including a mausoleum, or columbarium, the board shall publish a notice on the board's internet web site, if applicable, and shall send a notice to the owner to inform the owner that the owner's interest in the lot or right will cease on the termination date unless the owner contracts for renewal by that date. The board shall send the notice by certified mail to the owner if the owner is a resident of the township or is a nonresident whose address is known. If the owner's address is unknown and cannot reasonably be obtained, the Board shall publish the notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. At the end of the specified time period if the lot, tomb, including a mausoleum, or columbarium, is not used within this time period or renewed

for an extended period the Board shall have the right to reentry. If the conditions of the sale or of the deed have not been fulfilled, the board reclaims its interest in the lot or right. The board shall compensate owners of unused lots or rights who do not renew the terms of sale or the deed by offering to pay the owner eighty per cent of the purchase price or to provide another available lot or right, as applicable, at no additional cost. The board may repurchase any cemetery lot or right from its owner at any time at a price that is mutually agreed upon by the board and the owner.

- D. The board of township trustees may reenter a lot for which the terms of sale or deed was executed before July 24, 1986, or an entombment, including a mausoleum, columbarium, or other interment right for which the terms of sale or deed was executed before September 29, 2015, if the board determines the lot or right is unused. The board of township trustees has the right of reentry to the cemetery lot or right purchased before July 24, 1986, or before September 29, 2015. At least one hundred eighty days before reentering a lot or right, the board shall publish a notice on the board's internet web site, if applicable, and shall send a notice by certified mail to the last known owner at the owner's last known address to inform the owner that the owner's interest in the lot or right will cease unless the owner or owner's heir responds by that date. If the owner's address is unknown and cannot be obtained reasonably, the notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

If the owner responds by the specified date, the township shall offer the owner all of the following:

- (1) To continue the owner's interest in the lot or right; or,
- (2) To compensate the owner by paying the owner eighty per cent of the owner's original purchase price; or
- (3) To compensate the owner by providing the owner an available lot or right, as applicable.

To establish reentry, the board shall pass a resolution stating that the owner has not responded by the specified date or has opted to receive other compensation, and that the board reclaims its interest in the lot or right. The board may repurchase a cemetery lot or right from its owner at any time at a price that is mutually agreed upon by the board and the owner.

- E. At least one hundred eighty days before a termination date for use of a cemetery lot for which the terms of sale or deed was executed before July 24, 1986, and contained a termination date, or an entombment, including a mausoleum or columbarium, for which the terms of sale or deed was executed before September 29, 2015, and contained a termination date, the board shall publish a notice on the board's internet web site, if applicable, and shall send a notice to the owner of an unused lot or right to inform the owner that the owner's interest in the lot or right will cease on the termination date unless the owner or owner's heir responds by that date. The board shall send the notice by

certified mail to the owner if the owner is a resident of the township or is a nonresident whose address is known. If the owner's address is unknown and cannot reasonably be obtained, the notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

If the owner responds by the termination date, the township shall offer the owner all of the following:

- (1) To contract for renewal; or,
- (2) To compensate the owner by paying the owner eighty per cent of the owner's original purchase price; or
- (3) To compensate the owner by providing the owner an available lot or right, as applicable.

In order to establish reentry, the board shall pass a resolution stating that because of the lack of response to notice that provided a termination date or because the owner opted to receive other compensation, the board reclaims its interest in the lot or right. The board may repurchase a cemetery lot or right for which there is a termination date from its owner at any time at a price that is mutually agreed upon by the board and the owner.

ARTICLE VIII: EFFECTIVE DATE OCTOBER 25, 2021

These rules are adopted for the protection, safety, and preservation of Granger Township Cemeteries.

GRANGER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES (names to be updated as they change)

Teri A. Berry, Trustee
John H. Ginley Jr., Trustee
Richard L. Pace, Trustee

Attest: Donald L. Baker, Fiscal Officer

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 10-25-2021-1

Amended October 25, 2021

**GRANGER TOWNSHIP REID HILL CEMETERY
BURIAL LOCATION DESIGNATION FORM**

DATE:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, _____, DESIGNATE THAT MY

CEMETERY LOT NUMBER _____ IN SECTION _____, GRAVES _____

LOCATED IN REID HILL CEMETERY, GRANGER TOWNSHIP (MEDINA COUNTY) BE USED FOR THE BURIAL OF:

I STATE THAT I AM THE LEGAL OWNER OF THIS LOT, AND THIS IS MY REQUEST.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

- a. The deed to a lot conveys burial rights only. The ownership of the land remains with the Township of Granger.
- b. Lots are sold and intended for the family, relatives and descendants of the deeded lot owner, and other persons designated in writing to the Sexton by lot owners during their lifetime.
- c. When a lot owner dies intestate or without having designated on file in the office of the Sexton the name of the person to be interred in a lot, the heirs are recognized according to the laws of Ohio.
- d. Where there are two or more persons interested as owners of a lot, no dividing lines within the same shall be recognized. All owners shall have equal rights of interment.

**GRANGER TOWNSHIP FAIRVIEW CEMETERY
BURIAL LOCATION DESIGNATION FORM**

DATE:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, _____, DESIGNATE THAT MY

CEMETERY LOT NUMBER _____ IN SECTION _____, GRAVES _____

LOCATED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY, GRANGER TOWNSHIP (MEDINA COUNTY) BE USED FOR THE BURIAL OF:

I STATE THAT I AM THE LEGAL OWNER OF THIS LOT, AND THIS IS MY REQUEST.

SIGNED: _____

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