

CONSTANTINE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY
RULES AND REGULATION

PURPOSE:

The rules and regulations contained herein are the result of much study and investigation of the overall problems which have resulted over the past years within the Constantine Township Cemetery. They are not intended to restrain lot owners of interment rights, but to protect and preserve the cemetery and the community. Your cooperation and adherence to these rules will assist us to created and preserve the simplicity, safety and ease of upkeep of the Constantine Township Cemetery.

URNS:

- 1) Urns are the liability of the lot owners and are governed by the rules and regulations of the cemetery. The cemetery assumes no obligation as to the care, maintenance or protection of urns, or for any damage which may result to urns placed upon lots.
- 2) All urns must be sufficient enough in weight that they will remain upright and in place on windy days, with the exception of extreme weather conditions. Urns which have blown or fallen off their base or are not in the proper place will not be permitted.
- 3) Urns which become broken, unsightly in appearance or a nuisance to the upkeep of the cemetery or other lot owners will not be permitted.

PLANTINGS:

- 1) Hereafter, bushes, trees and live perennial plants may not be planted on any lot or lots in the Constantine Township Cemetery.
- 2) Any bushes or trees already planted on a lot or lots must be kept trimmed to specification, by the lot owner or lot keeper. Any plants which impede upon a monument will not be permitted. Any plants which are untrimmed, or which become a nuisance by reason of their branches, roots, appearance or otherwise become detrimental to adjacent lots, alleys or roadways, or an inconvenience to other lot owners or to the upkeep of the cemetery, will be removed without notice and possibly at the expense of the lot owner.
- 3) Potted plants, whether real or artificial, may not be planted in the ground, but must be left in the pot above the surface of the ground. Potted plants must not be placed in front of Or behind graves, but to the side to give lawn mower clearance. Any potted plant must' be sufficient enough in weight that it will remain upright and in place on windy days, with the exception of extreme weather conditions.

- 4) Any plant or artificial flower or flower arrangement not in a pot must either be securely attached to the monument itself or be placed in an urn.
- 5) Mounds, plantings or other objects which hinder the free use of a lawn mower or other gardening apparatus are prohibited.

SURFACES:

- 1) Surfaces other than earth or sod are prohibited.
- 2) No person shall remove sod or earth from any lot, alley or roadway.
- 3) No sand gravel, washed gravel, crushed stone or other loose material may be used in the construction of washes around bases, markers or monuments.
- 4) Steps or artificial walkways of any kind are not permitted.
- 5) Mounds raised around graves will not be permitted.
- 6) No lot area shall be covered-with carpets, cloth, burlap or any other material during the winter months. Leaves or evergreen boughs may be used.

OTHER DECORATIONS:

- 1) The decoration of lots or graves with fencing, edging, boxes, toys, shells, wire screens, arbors, trellises, individual artificial flowers anchored in the ground or any objects of a similar nature is prohibited. No glass or ceramic objects or containers of any kind are permitted in the cemetery. Shepard staffs, hooks, hangers, etc., are allowed in the cemetery.
- 2) Winter decorations-decorative bulbs and wreaths are welcome between October 31 and April 1. Tripods are welcome for those decorations not secured directly to the headstone. Winter decorations may be placed anywhere on the lot, as mowing lots is not necessary during winter months.
- 3) Summer decorations-annual flowers in pots, urns, saddles, are welcome between April 1 and September 30. All decorations must be to the side of the headstone, as not to impede mowing. Any that are not on the side will be removed without notice.
- 4) Settees, benches or chairs are not permitted to be place in the Constantine Township Cemetery.
- 5) As part of spring and fall cleanup, the sextons will remove all decorations which have been determined to have no further use. If lot owners wish to save their winter decorations they must be removed before April 1. If they wish to save their summer decorations they must be removed before September 30.
- 6) The cemetery will not be responsible for loss or damage to any articles left upon any lot, grave or any other part of the cemetery.

PROTECTING THE BEAUTY, UPKEEP, AND SAFETY OF THE CEMETERY:

- 1) ⁴ Constantine Township Cemetery will furnish water for the use of all whom wish to maintain flowers, urns, etc. This water will be available from the various, outlets within the cemetery grounds from April 1 thru. September 30.
- 2) No person shall leave any refuse in the cemetery except that which is put in the provided receptacles.
- 3) No glass or ceramic objects or containers of any kind are permitted in the cemetery.
- 4) No children will be allowed in the cemetery unless attended by an adult who will be responsible for their conduct.
- 5) The use of the cemetery as a playground is not permitted.
- 6) The speed limit in the cemetery is 10 miles per hour on all cemetery drives.
- 7) Vehicles are requested not to turn around on the drives but rather to drive around a section. Turning around and backing up cause increased risk of running into headstones which are placed close to the roadway.
- 8) No ATV's or other off-road motorized vehicles are permitted within the cemetery.
- 9) No dogs, horses or other domesticated animals are permitted within the cemetery, with the exception of handicap assistance animals.
- 10) The cemetery ground is officially closed to the public from one hour after sunset to sunrise.

BURIALS:

- 1) Strangers are asked not to approach a grave during a funeral. When deemed necessary by the sextons or upon request of the lot owner or his representative a funeral zone may be established and no one except persons attending the funeral or otherwise authorized will be permitted within its boundaries.
- 2) No responsibility will be assumed for the protection and maintenance of flowers, wreaths, emblems or other items used at funerals. As soon as such items become unsightly or faded, they will be removed without prior notice.
- 3) No disinterment of a body will be made until the written consent of the next of kin of the person whose body is to be disinterred and all other legal documentation has been submitted and approved.