

Rules and Regulations Governing the Care of Drummond Cemetery

The rules and regulations which follow apply to all of the sites in the Drummond Cemetery, regardless of when they were/are purchased. The purpose of these rules is to enhance the site and make the cemetery a beautiful place for all.

A. Sale and Transfer of Gravesites

- a. Purchasers of the lots do not purchase the land, but acquire only the right of burial of the dead.
- b. All gravesites sold by the Town of Drummond shall be governed by the laws of the State of Wisconsin (Chapter 157) and the rules of the Cemetery as determined by the Town Board of Drummond.
- c. Cemetery burial plots are laid out into "lots".
- d. A "lot" provides space for two full burials.
 - i. One full body burial shall be allowed per lot OR
 - ii. Two remains from cremation shall be allowed per lot.
- e. Price of lots. The Town Board shall from time to time by resolution fix a price on all lots to be sold for burials whenever it is necessary to maintain operating conditions. All cemetery gravesites sold shall include perpetual care.
- f. Payment for lots shall be made to the Town of Drummond. Paperwork for the purchase of a lot must be completed with the cemetery sexton and accompanied by the appropriate payment. A deed will be issued for the purchased lot.
- g. No sale or transfer of any gravesite shall be valid without consent of the involved parties and notification of the sexton, who will make sure to complete the appropriate transfer paperwork/documentation and update records.
- h. No lots shall be used for any other purposes other than a place of human burial.

B. Monumentation and Markers

- a. No overhead vaults will be permitted.
- b. Lot owners must consult the sexton in regard to monuments before installations in regard to size, foundations, and locations.
- c. All monuments shall be placed on a cement base to keep them from sinking into the ground. All family grave monuments shall have a 5 inch cement border as part of the base.
- d. Monuments shall be made of granite, marble, or bronze. Other materials will require special approval by the sexton.
- e. Monuments may not exceed 36" in height, 10" in depth, and 36" in length.
- f. Only one monument is allowed for each gravesite. If a family monument is placed, individual monuments may also be placed at the discretion of the sexton.
- g. If it becomes necessary to repair or reconstruct any monument, the Town Board shall give the owner/family written notice. If the owner/family cannot be found, deteriorating monuments may be replaced at the discretion of the Town Board.
- h. Within one year after burial, a monument identifying the burial should be placed at the gravesite. The Town reserves the right to place a monument after that time and at their discretion.

C. Landscaping & Care

- a. No trees, shrubs, or bushes may be planted.
- b. The Town Board reserves the right to remove or trim and unsightly or dead, trees or shrubs that have been previously planted.
- c. Chairs and settees are not permitted in the cemetery.

- d. No structures, hedges, fences, railings, embankments, depressions, or other enclosures of any kind are permitted on or around lots.
- e. No gravel, stone, shredded bark, or similar materials may be placed on gravesites.
- f. Mounds prohibited. No person may raise the level of the earth over any grave.
- g. Individual flower beds or growing plants (other than trees, shrubs, or bushes) are permitted, but must be reasonable size as determined by the sexton or Town Board. In case of doubt, the sexton or Town Board should be consulted. Flower beds or plants that are not maintained, become unsightly, or are not a reasonable size, will be removed.

D. Decorations

- a. Artificial ornaments/decorations shall be attached to or placed as close to the headstone as possible.
- b. Old, faded or damaged arrangements shall be removed at the discretion of the sexton.
- c. To facilitate cleanup, all summer decorations must be removed by October 15th of the year and winter decorations by May 1st of the year. All decorations, arrangements, vases, etc. not removed by these dates will be disposed of by the sexton.
- d. There shall be no responsibility on the part of the Town, its officers, employees, contractors, or agents, including the sexton or other designee of the Town Board, for the protection and maintenance of flowers, wreaths, plants, emblems, urns, family or personal items, memorials, or similar items used or placed at the cemetery in conjunction with funerals, burials or memorial events.

E. Liability Limitations

- a. No assumption of liability for damages. The Town, and its officers, employees, contractors, and agents, including the sexton and the Town Board, assume no liability for damages to property or person, or for physical or mental suffering arising out of the performance of its normal operations related to the construction, management, operation, maintenance, care and platting of any town cemetery, including the care of the cemetery, any lot, and the graves, or for loss by vandalism, or other acts beyond its reasonable control.
- b. When interments are to be made, parties interested should arrange to meet with and be in attendance with the sexton to give exact locations of graves, as the Town, and its officers, employees, contractors, and agents, including the sexton and Town Board will not be responsible for errors.

F. Perpetual Care

- a. Perpetual care is limited to the maintenance of lawn, leaf disposal, filling sunken graves, raising markers, and caring for avenues, alleys, fences, buildings, and grounds in general. Expenditures of income from the perpetual care fund shall be made at the discretion of the Town Board or the sexton. Nothing in these rules and regulations shall be construed as obligating the town as to any alleged existing contract as to perpetual care. The Town Board shall operate and maintain the town cemetery to provide proper and decent care of town cemeteries and the graves, and it may employ a sexton, staff, and any independent contractor necessary to provide such care.

G. Burials

- a. All coffins shall be placed in concrete rough boxes.
- b. All cremation remains shall be placed in a permanent outer burial container not constructed of wood.
- c. Arrangements for any burial in the cemetery must be made through the sexton.
- d. All burials shall be opened and dug by the Town under the direction of the sexton. Families may not dig their own graves.
- e. The sexton will mark each burial to be opened. Digging of a full burial or a cremation will be arranged by/through the funeral home.
- f. Post burial restoration (ie top soil, seed, mulch, etc.) will be provided by the Town.

- g. The family or funeral home, for opening a burial, shall reimburse the Town. The Town Board shall from time to time by resolution fix a price on burial openings to cover costs of equipment and operator.
- h. No cremains shall be scattered in the cemetery. All must be buried.
- i. The lot owner, and surviving spouse of the lot owner, have the first right to burial or to direct the right of burial.
- j. Snow will not be removed from roads within the cemetery.
- k. There are many worthwhile improvements that can be undertaken for the beautification, improvement, care and use of a well-managed cemetery. Many of these improvements can quite appropriately go beyond the essentials of normal cemetery financing and therefore provide worthwhile opportunities for tokens of love and recognition for family and friends in the form of memorials. These undertakings may include, but are not limited to, landscaping, cemetery enclosures, provision of water to the cemetery, storage facilities and similar things. The Town Board invites and encourages gifts and bequests in the form of Memorials or otherwise to the Town for these purposes as well as for the general maintenance of the property.
- l. The Town Board will respect the wishes of the donors of gifts and bequests in regard to the use of the funds as is consistent with its rules and regulations and will place any remainder in the Cemetery Account if directed or otherwise apply it to the general account, in every case to be used for the purpose intended by the donor and for the maintenance and improvement of the cemetery. An appropriate record will be kept of all gifts and bequests and memorials.
- m. No winter (frozen ground) burials will be permitted.

Any questions regarding the operation of the cemetery, for arranging burials, or purchasing burial rights may be directed to the Cemetery Sexton or Drummond Town Clerk.

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