

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF OGEMAW TOWNSHIP CEMETERY

### WEST BRANCH, MICHIGAN

The following rules have been drawn up by the Ogemaw Township Board to protect the interest of lot owners and preserve the beauty and property of the cemetery.

The Township reserves the right to alter any roads, fences, or walks. The Clerk has all records of the Cemetery. Any information can be obtained from such records, The Board reserves right to make any changes for the good of the general welfare of the cemetery.

The lots for burial were surveyed accurately and all the lot dimensions are on record. Records of the lot and grave owners and the interments are also on file with the Ogemaw Township Clerk.

The purchase price of the lot guarantees the present and future care of the lot. Such care includes mowing of the grass, caring for trees, fences and maintaining the drive.

The Township maintains the right to remove any unsightly or forbidden objects. No fences, hedges or trees shall be place on or around the graves.

All graves will be made level with the lawn and will be seeded. No one shall be allowed to disturb the turf on the graves.

All memorials must be approved prior to being installed. No Monuments – Markers set on Graves until Sexton has been contacted.

Foundations must be 8" larger than the marker. Thickness must be no more than 6" or less than 3 ½".

The Ogemaw Township is not liable or responsible for damages, vandalism or deterioration to or of such items.

Cut Flowers allowed any time. No Glass Containers. No Planting on Graves. Flowers pots, urns and grave blankets may be placed and maintained at the head stones of graves no earlier than May 1 and must be removed no later than October 1 of each year. Winter decorations allowed November 1<sup>st</sup> till April 15<sup>th</sup>. Ogemaw Township reserves the right to remove any non-permissible decorations.

Mounds, bricks, blocks and any borders that hinder the free use of a lawn mower or other gardening apparatus are prohibited.

No wooden boxes will be allowed for a burial receptacle. Cement vaults must be used. Urns may be buried in a non-biodegradable container. Small Cement vaults are preferred for Urns and are readily available.

Winter burials will be allowed for an additional cost at the family's expense if ground thawing is requires and sufficient time is allowed for obtaining the necessary equipment for ground thawing. Other arrangements may be made for winter deaths by the funeral home or the by contacting the township Clerk.

The Township must be notified that a disinterment will occur. This is usually done by family members of the deceased, a funeral home, health department officials or law enforcement officials.

Undertakers must give sufficient notices to prepare for burials. All graves will be opened by authorized persons. Graves will not be opened without order of undertakers or the lot owners. After burial no grave will be opened except for official investigation and upon official order only.

Special permission must be given by the Township Board for the interment of more than one body to a grave. The township will allow 1 cremation with 1 full burial or there may be one to 4 cremains in a single grave. There can only be one monument per grave. Remains shall be buried in a container approved by the Township in a cemetery plot.

No cremains shall be scattered or dispersed within the Township Cemetery

No automobiles shall park on the turf.

Domestic animals shall not be allowed on the cemetery grounds. Only authorized use of firearms for military funerals will be permitted. All persons shall refrain from any disturbance while on the grounds.

If the owner of a lot or gravesite wishes to dispose of the same, removal from graves and/or cemetery will be made at the owner's expense. Proper legal documentation is required to do so. The purchaser thereof must agree to transfer the vacated grave back to the Township and receive no payment for such.

Prices per grave in Ogemaw Township Cemetery will be \$100.00 per grave for Township residents and \$200.00 per grave for nonresidents.

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD WOULD PREFER THAT ALL GRAVES HAVE MARKERS INSTALLED WITHIN A YEAR AFTER THE DEATH OF THE PERSON.

Every person who enters in and travels within a Township cemetery does so at their own risk. The Township is not responsible for any injury, accident or other calamity that might occur to any person present in a Township cemetery. Furthermore the Township is not responsible for any damage or vandalism to, theft or deterioration of any burial monument, headstone, flower urn or other item placed at or near a cemetery plot, burial site or anywhere in a Township Cemetery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Ogemaw Township has hereunto affixed its hand and seal to the above written

The Ogemaw Township Board Tracy Turner

Ogemaw Township Clerk

October 16, 2019