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## **Cemetery Standards, Rules and Regulations**

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## **Section 1. PURPOSE**

**In accordance with Chapter 12 Saugatuck Township Code of Ordinances the Cemetery Standards, Rules and Regulations as amended and adopted by the Saugatuck Township Board are to govern the management, maintenance, operation and use of all municipal cemeteries of the township and to carry out the purposes of the Cemetery Ordinance.**

## **Section 2. CARE OF LOTS**

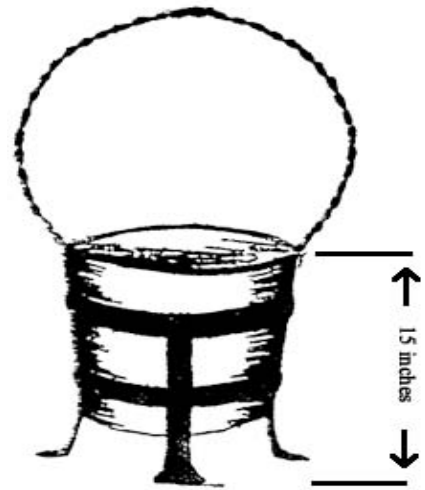
**(a) No trees, shrubs or flowers shall be planted on any burial space or in any part of the cemetery grounds except by and with the permission of cemetery personnel.**

**(b) No artificial flowers may be placed on any lot in any part of the cemeteries. Fresh flowers, wreaths and emblems are permitted to be laid on a lot for a short period only immediately following a burial, and immediately before, during and after Memorial Day observances, and, will be disposed of when determined necessary by cemetery personnel. Wreaths and winter holiday associated trees may be placed on the gravesite during the winter holiday season and shall be removed during the first week of January.**

**(1) Glass containers are not permitted for use.**

**(2) Flowerpots, upright vases and urns are prohibited in all areas of the cemeteries. Stone or concrete urns that were existent prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> 1995 are permitted to remain only as long as they continue to be in reasonable condition as determined by cemetery personnel. Damaged or deteriorated urns will be removed, without notice, by cemetery personnel and may not be replaced.**

**(3) Flower and plant containers that are movable are allowed on individual or group lots in the cemeteries provided the height of such containers does not exceed 15 inches. The illustrated type of basket (see below) is recommended because it is visually attractive and is so constructed that it can be moved and will not readily fall over. All such containers shall be green in color. The location of such containers will be subject to determination by cemetery personnel, and for purposes of reasonable grounds maintenance procedures, all such containers should be removed in the fall (for the winter months). Cemetery personnel, without notice, will remove containers not removed after October 1<sup>st</sup> annually, as time and weather conditions dictate.**



### **Section 3. MONUMENT FOUNDATIONS**

**All cemetery monuments and markers shall be on a foundation of a depth and size and of a material deemed adequate by cemetery personnel. All foundations shall be installed by cemetery personnel only.**

**Markers and monuments will not be permitted to be delivered to cemetery grounds until a proper order for a foundation installation has been issued to cemetery personnel. All orders must be made through the Saugatuck Township Office.**

### **Section 4. CREMATION INTERMENTS**

**Cremation interments are permitted in all useable burial spaces in the Cemeteries. Interments involving multiple cremations are permitted but must be authorized by the Cemetery Sexton.**

### **Section 5. OPENING AND CLOSING OF BURIAL SPACE**

**All burial space shall be open and closed by cemetery personnel only. Funeral Service agents are not permitted to open or close burial space in the cemeteries except with the permission of cemetery personnel.**

**\* Burial in any cemetery burial space is restricted to the certificate holder for such lot or space and the certificate holder's spouse, child or stepchild, parent or stepparent, or grandchild or step grandchild. In the event of unforeseen circumstances or questions of identity, the township sexton shall reach a determination for the right of usage taking into consideration any and all available evidence either written or oral. The determination of the township sexton is considered to be final unless appealed to the township board within 30 calendar days. Upon appeal the township board decision is conclusive and binding on all parties.**

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### **STANDARD BURIAL RIGHTS**

#### **Resident or Taxpayer**

- 1-2 spaces are \$120.00 per space
- 3-6 spaces are \$480.00 per space
- more than 6 spaces are \$1,500.00 per space

#### **Non-Resident or Non-Taxpayer**

- \$2,000 per space

### **CREMATION BURIAL RIGHTS**

#### **Resident or Taxpayer**

- 1-2 spaces are \$80.00 per space
- 3-6 spaces are \$240.00 per space
- more than 6 spaces are \$1,000.00 per space

#### **Non-Resident or Non-Taxpayer**

- \$1,500 per space

**\* The fees and charges for burial rights are for the use of cemetery grounds and lots and the purpose of recovering the costs for acquisition, construction, reconstruction, maintenance and operation, and shall be established, adopted and amended from time to time by the Township Board. Such fees and charges may be established for but are not limited to the sale of lots and perpetual care of such lots, burials, removals, foundations, certificate issuance, certificate transfer, and operational and maintenance services as may be determined.**