

Cessna Township
Cemetery Rules and Regulations

**** All Rules & Regulations are subject to change****

7393 Township Road 89
Ada, Ohio 45810

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Fulton
Huntersville
Salem
Obenour
Cessna

Purpose

The rules established here are designed for the protection of the lot owners. Enforcement of these rules will help protect our cemeteries and create and preserve their beauty. It is the intention of the Cessna Twp. Trustees to establish and enforce these rules and regulations for the express purpose of ensuring that the Cessna Twp. cemeteries remain one of the townships major assets.

Suggestions

Prospective patrons may feel free to visit the cemeteries or township office at any time without obligation to purchase.

Lot owners are encouraged to contact the township at any time if the Rules and Regulations are not clear, or if other information is desired.

Definitions

Township Trustees – Elected officials who will be responsible for adopting all rules and regulations.

Fiscal Officer – Elected official who will be responsible for all record keeping and contact with the State of Ohio regarding the cemeteries.

Private Contractors – May do a variety of jobs contracted by the Township trustees. All contractors will report to the trustees.

Residents – Residents are those who reside within the boundaries of Cessna Township. All others are considered non-residents.

Monuments – will mean headstones, footstones, plaques, etc. for the purpose of these regulations.

Cemetery Locations

Fulton Cemetery – Township Road 115, ¼ mile South of State Route 309
Huntersville Cemetery - Township Road 74, ¼ mile East of County Road 75
Salem Cemetery – Township Road 80, ¼ mile West of County Road 135
Obenour Cemetery – State Route 701, ¼ mile West of County Road 95
Cessna Cemetery – County Road 135, ¼ mile South of Township Road 90

General

1. Cessna Township cemeteries shall be under the control of the Cessna Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer.
2. Cessna Twp. reserves the right to modify the layout of the cemeteries as appropriate and necessary.
3. The cost of all graves, interments, and other fees are set by the Township Trustees and may change at any time without notice. Copies of these fees are available by contacting the Fiscal Officer.
4. Residents may purchase graves for non resident family members; however, the grave will be deeded to the resident purchasing the grave.
5. Purchase of graves shall be made through the Cessna Twp. fiscal officer or other designated employee.
6. Purchasers of graves will receive a deed entitling them to use the grave for burial of human remains, subject to the rules and regulations of Cessna twp.
7. Once purchased, the grave owner may designate or allow any person to be buried in the grave; however, graves may not be sold to anyone except back to the Township for the original purchase price.
8. If the owner of a grave gives permission for others to be buried in a remaining grave, that permission must in writing, signed, notarized and turned into the township office. It will then be duly recorded in the proper books for future reference.
9. Upon the death of a grave owner, all remaining graves purchased by the owner will descend to their heirs as stated in their will or in accordance with the laws of descent of the State of Ohio. - ORC 517.07 -
10. Upon an ownership deed transfer a notarized affidavit must be filed with the Township office and be assessed a \$15.00 charge for deed transfers.
 - (A) The grantee shall provide to the board of township trustees, in writing, a list of the names and addresses of the persons to whom the grantee's property would pass by intestate succession.
 - (B) The grantee shall notify the board in writing of any subsequent changes in the name or address of any persons to whom property would descend.

(C) Any person who receives a township cemetery lot by gift, inheritance, or any other means other than the original conveyance shall, within one year after receiving the interest, give written notice of the person's name and address to the township, and shall notify the board of any subsequent changes in the person's name or address.

Interment

1. All burials will conform to the rules of the Board of Health of the State of Ohio
2. The township will be notified no less than 48 hours prior to the time of interment. All graves will be dug by the township or its designated contractor.
3. Burials will only be permitted with a proper burial permit signed by the funeral director and accompanied by a check for all applicable fees.
4. The interment of two bodies will only be permitted when at least one of the bodies is cremated. Proper documentation is required.
 - (A.) When a grave has one cremation burial only cremation burials are allowed in that grave, thereafter.
5. All caskets of the deceased will be encased in a top sealed concrete vault or grave liner. Caskets for infants will be encased in a non-decomposable baby vault. Cremation remains should also be in cremation vaults or urns.
6. Burials of human remains is all that is permitted. No pet burials allowed.
7. There will be no burials on Sundays or the following holidays: New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. All burial services shall be concluded by 4:00 P.M.

Disinterments

1. Disinterments will be made in a manner prescribed by the laws of the State of Ohio.
2. Disinterments will be arranged with the Cessna Twp. Trustees no less than two weeks prior to the disinterment and paid for in advance.

Monuments

1. Monuments shall be approved by the Cessna Twp. Trustees or appointed person prior to setting.
2. Only marble, granite, or bronze will be allowed.

3. All Monuments shall be placed on a concrete foundation. Concrete foundations shall be a minimum of three inches wider than the monument on all sides and a minimum depth of 30 inches. The trustees may determine that a "concrete strip" be used in lieu of an individual foundation.
4. Monuments may be situated over a single grave or centered over two graves. The township must be notified on the foundation order so as to properly locate the foundation.
5. Cessna Twp. reserves the right to remove any monument that is deemed to be inappropriate, offensive or hazardous to the public or general appearance of the cemetery.
6. The trustees will be allowed to temporarily remove monuments for digging of graves or grounds maintenance.
7. Temporary grave markers may or may not be provided by the funeral director and Cessna Twp. and its employees assume no responsibility for them.
8. Monument cleaning and repair will remain the responsibility of the grave owner.

11. Newly placed monuments shall only be 5' tall from the foundation.

Indigent Funerals

ORC section 9.15 provides that a township has a statutory obligation to pay for the burial or cremation expenses for deceased indigents who were living in the township at the time of their death.

As used in this section, "legal residence" means a permanent place of abode used or occupied as living quarters at the time of a person's death, including a nursing home, hospital, or other care facility.

When the body of a dead person is found in a township or municipal corporation, and such person was not an inmate of a correctional, benevolent, or charitable institution of this state, and the body is not claimed by any person for private interment or cremation at the person's own expense, or delivered for the purpose of medical or surgical study or dissection in accordance with section [1713.34](#) of the Revised Code, it shall be disposed of as follows:

(A) If the person was a legal resident of the county, the proper officers of the township or municipal corporation in which the person's body was found shall cause it to be buried or cremated at the expense of the township or municipal corporation in which the person had a legal residence at the time of death.

(B) If the person had a legal residence in any other county of the state at the time of death, the superintendent of the county home of the county in which such body

was found shall cause it to be buried or cremated at the expense of the township or municipal corporation in which the person had a legal residence at the time of death.

(C) If the person was an inmate of a correctional institution of the county or a patient or resident of a benevolent institution of the county, the person had no legal residence in the state, or the person's legal residence is unknown, the superintendent shall cause the person to be buried or cremated at the expense of the county.

Such officials shall provide, at the grave of the person or, if the person's cremated remains are buried, at the grave of the person's cremated remains, a metal, stone, or concrete marker on which the person's name and age, if known, and date of death shall be inscribed.

A political subdivision is not relieved of its duty to bury or cremate a person at its expense under this section when the body is claimed by an indigent person. As used in this section, "indigent person" means a person whose income does not exceed one hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty line, as revised annually by the United States department of health and human services in accordance with section 673(2) of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981," 95 Stat. 511, 42 U.S.C. 9902, as amended, for a family size equal to the size of the person's family.

Privileges and Restrictions

1. Rules as posted on signs at entrances of cemeteries shall be adhered to.
2. Visitors are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that accords due respect for the deceased.
3. Any person under the age of 16 should be accompanied by and adult who will be responsible for their behavior.
4. All vehicles, motorized or not, will remain on the driveways unless otherwise directed by the township officials or designee for the purpose of parking during a funeral service.
5. All recreational vehicles, i.e. snowmobiles and ATVs, are prohibited from cemetery grounds. Horses are allowed for funeral processions only.
6. Discharge of firearms, per ORC, is only permitted for military services, funerals and ceremonies.

7. Pets, leashed or unleashed, will not be allowed in the cemetery unless assisting persons with disabilities.
8. Intoxicating beverages and illegal drugs will not be allowed at any time on the cemetery grounds.
9. Persons on cemetery grounds are not allowed to pick flowers and are asked not to feed or disturb the wildlife.
10. All persons entering the cemetery are required to follow all directions of the township officials as well as the signs at entrances.

Care of Graves

1. No person not employed in the cemetery shall excavate the earth, change grade, lay or remove sod, plant trees, or shrubs.
2. Decorations are not to exceed one foot away from the headstone. Flowerbeds that protrude on the back or sides of the headstone may (in some cases) intrude upon someone else's lot. Should this occur, the decorations may be removed. Decorating is to be at the headstone line only. There is to be no fencing, masonry pavers or rocks placed around flowerbeds.
3. All pots, plants, flowers, mementos, etc. will be placed contiguous with the monument. Any item deemed hazardous, dangerous, or a maintenance problem will be removed.
4. Cessna Township or its agents will not be held responsible in any way for lost or stolen items from grave sites.
5. Flags, banners and shepherd's hooks will be allowed as long as they do not become a maintenance problem. They must be contiguous with the foundation.
6. Summer arrangements will be removed by December 1, and winter arrangements will be removed by April 1. After those dates, any arrangements may be picked up and disposed of by the township or its designee.

Cessna Township and its agents will make every reasonable effort to protect the property rights of the grave owners, within the cemetery, from loss or damage, but the Township distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage caused beyond reasonable control, and especially from damage caused by the elements, acts of God, common enemy, thieves, strikers, vandals, malicious mischief, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than herein provided.

Disclaimer

The Cessna Township cemeteries are intended to serve as the final resting place for qualified persons and it is essential that certain guidelines exist to ensure that the integrity, beauty and maintenance of the cemeteries not be interrupted. All lot owners, visitors and contractors who perform work within the cemeteries shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations. Although these Rules and Regulations are comprehensive in scope, they are not all encompassing. It is recognized that situations not addressed within this document may arise from time to time. In those instances, The Cessna Township trustees will review the matter and issue its disposition. In all circumstances, the decision of the Trustees is final and may not be appealed.

These Rules and Regulations supersede any and all previously issued rules and regulations. Cessna Township Board of Trustees reserves the right to review and revise these regulations at its discretion.

Mausoleum

Cessna Township does not allow any mausoleums in any cemetery owned by Cessna Township.

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BURIAL NOTICE

DECEASED: _____

CEMETERY: _____

SEC: _____ LOT: _____ GRAVE: _____

LOT OWNER: _____

TYPE OF BURIAL - PLEASE CIRCLE THE CORRECT BURIAL:

OPEN & CLOSING COSTS:

Cessna Township Resident \$400.00

Out of Township \$500.00

All Cremation Burials \$200.00

Exhumation Fees doubled

DAY: _____ DATE: _____

TIME: _____ FUNERAL HOME: _____

NAME OF FUNERAL HOME REPRESENTATIVE: _____

PH: _____

For office use: Paid _____ Transit Slip: _____