

- The sexton shall have the right and authority to remove and dispose of any and all growth, emblems, displays or containers that through decay or damage are unsightly and would become a source of litter or a maintenance problem.
- All encroachments onto adjacent lots are the responsibility of the individual registered lot owners or their designated representative(s).
- The Rutland Charter Township Board or their designees shall not be held liable for any and all decorations, memorabilia, trees, shrubs, etc.

RECORDS

- The Township Clerk shall maintain all records concerning burials.

CEMETERY HOURS AND REGULATIONS

- The cemetery exists as a memorial to the deceased. It shall be open to the general public daily from dawn to dusk. No alcoholic beverages, disruptive behavior or conduct will be condoned. The cemetery roads and grounds will not be maintained during the winter months unless there is a burial scheduled to take place.

PENALTIES

- Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any provisions

within the ordinance shall be guilty of a civil infraction.

CORRECTION OF ERRORS

- The township reserves the right to correct any errors by substituting a site in another location or refunding the purchase price of said burial lot.

Rutland Township Cemetery Fee Schedule

Resident Lot Fees Per Household

\$50.00 per lot for the first two (2) lots
\$100.00 per lot for all lots over two (2)

- Six lots maximum

\$50.00 per lot for all minor children

Non-Resident Lot Fees

\$350.00 per lot

If you need any help or have any questions please contact the Clerk's Office.

2461 Heath Rd

Hastings, MI 49058

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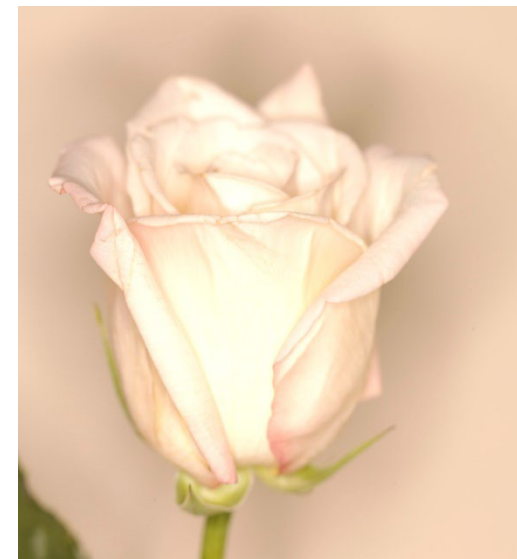
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RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP CEMETERY



Rules Governing the Operation of the Rutland Township Cemetery and the Cemetery Fee Schedule

ORDINANCE 2021-178

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 10, 2021

The following is a summary of the Cemetery Ord. adopted by the Township Board on 11/10/2021. The full text of the Ord. may be obtained at the clerk’s office during regular business hours or on the Twp website:

www.rutlandtownship.org

Thank you

DEFINITIONS

- A cemetery lot/burial space can hold one vault and no more than six cremains.

SALE OF LOTS/BURIAL SPACES

- All burial spaces are sold by the Township Clerk directly.
- Burial rights may be transferred only with the approval of the Township Clerk’s Office.
- All unused lots must be returned to the Township and will be issued a full refund.
- Burial rights will be considered abandoned and reverted back to the township if unused for 40 + years.
- There is a limit of six (6) burial spaces per household without township board approval.

PURCHASE PRICE AND TRANSFER FEES

- The purchase price for burial spaces is established by resolution of the Township Board. (Fee schedule is

located on the back of this brochure.)

GRAVE OPENING CHARGES

- The opening and closing of any burial space shall be by contract and paid to the cemetery sexton.
- No burial space shall be opened or closed except under the direction and control of the cemetery sexton.

MARKERS AND MONUMENTS

- All markers and monuments, including benches used as or having the function of a monument or marker, shall be made of stone, bronze, or other equally durable composition.
- Only one (1) monument per burial space. The sexton may also allow up to four (4) memorial markers that shall be level with the ground so to not impede use of a lawn mower.
- All footings shall be eighteen inches (18”) deep and four inches (4”) larger than the monument on all sides (max width 24”)
- All markers and monuments must be set in line with the row.

INTERMENT REGULATIONS

- Only one full burial per burial space with the exception of a mother/father and infant or two children buried at the same time.

- Up to six (6) cremains may be buried in the same burial space not containing a full burial; or one full burial and five cremains with prior approval of the Twp Clerk.
- Forty-eight (48) hours’ notice shall be given in advance of any funeral.
- Identification (or transmittal)of the person/persons to be buried shall be presented to the sexton prior to burial.

- All full burials shall be contained within a concrete or steel vault.

GROUND MAINTENANCE

- No grading or leveling of a burial space is allowed
- No shrubs, trees, or vines shall be planted. No fences, borders, or curbs are allowed.
- The Twp Board or its designee reserves the right to **remove or trim** any tree or shrub located in the cemetery.
- Mounds, memorials, decorations or benches that hinder the use of a lawn mower are prohibited.
- All urns and decorations must be set in line with the headstone and be within the boundaries of the grave site. Please deposit all refuse of any kind in the trash containers located around the cemetery.