

Moore Township Cemetery

Rules and Regulations

The Township Board may, by resolution, reserve from disposal for any length of time, any lots in cemeteries belonging to said township of Moore, when in their judgement, the best interests of such cemeteries require it. They may, by resolutions set apart any portion of a cemetery or lot or lots there in to be sold only with perpetual care and change the same from time to time.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORE, SANILAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Moore Township Cemetery Ordinance.

Section 2

Each burial space shall cost the sum of **\$100.00** (one hundred dollars) for in township residents and **\$300.00** (three hundred dollars) for out of township residents.

No person can purchase more than four (4) openings at the price charged unless the lot already purchased is fully occupied.

No deed will be issued for any lot until the full price thereof is paid.

The Township may repurchase any cemetery lots or burial space from the owner for the original price paid the Township upon written request of said owner or his legal heirs or representatives.

No person may be buried in a burial space except for a mother and infant or two children buried at the same time. Only exemption is cremains where four (4) can be placed. If there is one (1) vault there can be two (2) cremains, no vault can have four (4) cremains.

No person shall be recognized as having any interest in, or right to control any lot in said cemetery unless his interest or right appears upon the deed.

The Township Board, by resolution, may periodically alter the foregoing fees to accommodate increased costs and needed reserve funds for cemetery maintenance and acquisition.

Section 3

The digging, refilling, opening of graves, the removal of bodies from one place to another in said cemetery, or removal of bodies from cemetery and the construction of foundations for head stone tablets, will be done by, or under the supervision of the Sexton. All work must be done in accordance with the rules adopted by the Moore Township Board. The sexton will charge his fees for these services to the owner of the burial right.

Section 4

All persons desiring to bury any person must secure a burial permit as required by law. Appropriate identification may also be requested.

Section 5

All plants, flowers, urns and decorations of any kind are to be placed within 18 inches or less of the headstone. The Township or Sexton may remove any of the foregoing items planted without such approval.

The Township reserves the right to remove or trim any tree, plant, or shrub located within the cemetery in the interest of maintaining proper appearance and the use of the cemetery.

Mounds which hinder the free used of a lawn mower or other gardening apparatus are prohibited.

All Veteran Plaques shall be affixed to the back of the headstone or placed at the head of the grave as a headstone.

Surfaces other than earth or sod are prohibited.

No above ground Mausoleums will be permitted.

All burials shall be within a standard outer burial structure or burial vault in each burial space before interment.

Winter decorations such as blankets, wreaths, etc. will be allowed any place on the lot from November 1st of one year to April 1st of the next year. All winter decorations are to be removed by April 1st. All refuse of any kind, including dried flowers, wreaths, gave blankets, papers and flower containers must be removed by the family from the cemetery.

Section 6

No person shall cut, remove, injure, deface, write upon, or besmear in any way, any vault, monument, marker, headstone, tablet, step, building, or structure within said cemetery.

No person shall remove any tree, shrub, plant, vase, flowerpot, or other items places upon any grave within said cemetery without written permission from the Sexton.

The Township of Moore is not financially responsible for any damage incurred to any of the items mentioned in Section 6

Section 7

The hours of the cemetery will be daylight hours only.

No animals, except leader dogs, are permitted.

Snowmobiles and ATV's are prohibited on cemetery grounds.

Firearms are prohibited except when permission is granted by the Sexton for a military service.

Section 8

Cemetery lots or burial spaces sold after the effective date of the ordinance and remaining vacant 40 years from the date of their sale shall automatically revert to the Township upon occurrence of the following events:

Notice shall be sent by the Township Clerk by first class mail to the last known address of the last owner of record informing him of the expiration of the 40-year period and that all rights with respect to said lots or spaces will be forfeited if he does not affirmatively indicate in writing to the Township Clerk within 60 days from the date of mailing of the within notice his desire to retain said burial rights.

No written response to said notice indication a desire to retain the cemetery lots or burial spaces in question is received by the Township Clerk from the last owner of record of said lots or spaces, or his heirs or legal representative, within 60 days from the date of mailing of said notice.

Section 9

The Township Clerk shall maintain records concerning all burial, and issuance of burial permits, separate and apart from any other records of the township and the same shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable business hours.

Section 10

This Ordinance shall take effect on **September 7, 2022**. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.