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(Relating to Inland Township Cemeteries owned by and located in Inland Township, County of Benzie, State of Michigan. Inland Township owns and manages three cemeteries)

These Rules and Regulations have been enacted by the Inland Township Board of Officers and Trustees on January 13, 1986 and may be amended as changing conditions warrant.

The cemeteries are managed by the Inland Township Board Officers and Trustees. The Township Clerk or his assignee is the Manager. All records are kept by the Clerk or his assignee.

The Inland Township Board hereinafter is designated in these Rules and Regulations as "the cemetery".

Ownership of Burial Rights:

1. The Cemetery is Non-Denominational. Burial rights may be purchased regardless of race, color, creed, religion or country of origin.
2. Payments for burial rights should be paid to the Township Clerk or his assignee. Checks are to be made payable to "Inland Township". Upon full payment, a Certificate of Ownership will be issued.
3. Purchaser of Burial Rights must agree to all Rules and Regulations in force at the time of purchase and all Rules and Regulations to be enacted in the future.
4. The Township Clerk shall keep a record of the ownership of all burial rights, record of all interments showing name, age when available, date of death and burial and the grave location. These records shall be kept in a fireproof safe place and made available to the general public during normal working hours.
5. The Cemetery reserves the right to enlarge, reduce, replat or change the boundaries or grading of the cemetery including the right to change the locations, remove, or regarde roads, drives or walkways.
6. The Cemetery disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from the elements, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief, explosions, military or civil authority.
7. It is the duty of the owner of burial rights to notify the Township Clerk of any address change.
8. All transfer of ownership burial rights shall be subject to a nominal fee. This fee to be the difference between the original price at the time of purchase and the current price plus a transfer fee.

Descent of Title:

1. The laws of the State of Michigan govern the descent of title. The Township Board will assist any owner who desires information regarding this matter.

Interments, Disinterments and Removals:

1. No interment will be allowed unless the burial rights have been completely paid.

2. Funeral Directors, upon arrival at the Cemetery, must present to the Cemetery a Burial Transit Permit before interment is made.

3. Disinterments or removals must have a removal permit issued by the County Board of Health and be under the direction of a licensed Funeral Director.

4. No interments are to be made on Sundays or Holidays unless immediate burial is required by the Laws of the State of Michigan or of the Board of Health. An additional fee will be added to the regular interment charge.

5. Orders for interments shall be given in time to allow at least twenty four hours to prepare the grave and one week notice prior to any disinterment or removal.

6. All orders for interments other than for the owner of the burial rights or spouse must be authorized by the owner or their legal representative. If absent from the area, telegraphic permission will be accepted.

7. Permission for multiple interments in one grave must be granted by the Township Clerk.

8. All cremains for burial shall be delivered to the Township Clerk or his assignee who will supervise the burial of cremains

9. In case of error, the Cemetery has the right to make corrections. Any removal or transfer of interred remains, due to error, must have a County Board of Health Removal Permit or a Court Order and be under the Direction of a licensed Funeral Director.

10. The Cemetery is not responsible for any interment orders given without precise or proper instructions as to location where interment is desired.

11. All charges for interment or other services should be paid as directed by the Township Clerk or his assignee.

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12. An outside container made of reinforced concrete is desired. In the event a wooden container or no container is requested, an additional fee will be charged for the filling of the grave later.
13. Burial of pets in the cemetery is not permitted.
14. The Cemetery reserves the right of ingress or egress over graves for funerals, interments, disinterments, removals, maintenance of the cemetery and placing of memorials.

General Care of the Cemetery:

1. The Township Clerk should be notified for approval of plans for the planting of trees or shrubs.
2. All unauthorized planting of trees, shrubs or perennials can be removed by the Cemetery.
3. Planting of annual flower beds should be no larger than the size of the memorial (marker, stone or monument).
4. Owners or their legal heirs have the right to visit the cemetery and care for their burial right boundaries. Owners must have written permission from the Cemetery for any changes in the physical appearance of their burial right boundaries.
5. No mounding or raising of grave elevation, fences, chains, borders, crushed stone or other definitive border markings are allowed. Nothing but grass will be allowed as a grave covering.
6. No glass jars are allowed.
7. Artificial flowers will be removed when they become faded or unsightly.
8. If the planted flower beds become unsightly or full of weeds, they will be mowed down.
9. The Cemetery will not be responsible for any floral pieces or baskets left in the cemetery.

Memorials (Grave markers or monuments):

1. All memorials must be made of either granite or bronze. Any other material must be approved by the Cemetery.
2. The Cemetery will not be responsible for loss, damage or vandalism to any memorial.

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Memorials (Grave markers or monuments):

3. All memorials are considered the private property of the owner of the burial rights and therefore owners are responsible for loss, damage or vandalism to their memorial.
4. Prior to any memorial installation, a memorial application must be approved by the Cemetery.

The Cemetery is dedicated to operate within the Laws of the State Of Michigan as they apply and the Rules and Regulations of the State Cemetery Commission relating to Municipal Cemeteries.

All issues not covered by these Rules and Regulations and the Laws of the State of Michigan should be submitted in writing to the Township Board for determination.
