

# Inland Township Cemeteries

## RULES AND REGULATIONS



Relating to Inland Township Cemeteries owned by and located in:

Inland Township, County of Benzie, State of Michigan.

Inland Township owns and manages four (4) cemeteries: Brundage, Inland a.k.a. Stagecoach Memorial, Inland Township Cemetery old section & new section and Countryside.

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

The cemeteries are managed by the Inland Township Board. The township Clerk or individual designated by the Township Board and Sexton are the Managers. All records are kept by the Clerk or his/her assignee or individual designated by the Township board. Records are kept with the Township Clerk.

**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/her 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 or individual designated by the Township board shall keep a record of the ownership of all burial rights, record of all interments showing name, age if 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, re-plat or change the boundaries or grading of the cemetery including the right to change the locations, remove or re-grade 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 or individual designated by the Township board of any address change.

**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 the matter.

**Interments, Disinterment's 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 Sexton a Burial Transit Permit before interment is made.
3. Disinterment's 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. Orders for interments shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance to prepare the grave and one (1) week notice prior to any disinterment or removal.
5. 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, electronic or postal permission will be accepted.
6. Permission for multiple interments in one grave must be granted by the Township Clerk or individual designated by the Township board and the Sexton.
7. All cremains for burial shall be delivered to the Sexton who will supervise the burial of cremains.
8. 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 a licensed Funeral Director.
9. The Cemetery is not responsible for any interment orders given without precise or proper instructions as to location where interment is desired.
10. All charges for interment or other services should be as directed by the Township Clerk or individual designated by the Township board or the Sexton.
11. 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.
12. Burial of pets in the cemetery is not permitted.
13. The Cemetery reserves the right to ingress or egress over graves for funerals, interments, disinterment's, removals, maintenance of the cemetery and placing of memorials.

**General Care of the Cemetery:**

1. The Township Clerk or individual designated by the Township board and the Sexton should be notified for **APPROVAL BEFORE** of any type of plants. If approval is given the plantings must be planted at the sides of the monument and can be no larger than the size of the memorial, marker, stone or monument or in front of the monument out to 6 inches and no wider than the monument.
2. All unauthorized planting of trees, shrubs or perennials can be removed from the cemetery.
3. Planting of annual flower beds should be no larger than the size of the Memorial (marker, stone or monument) and extend no more than six (6) inches in front of the 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 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 or removed.
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.
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 Sexton.

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**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.**

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INLAND TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES  
RULES, REGULATIONS AND RATES  
EFFECTIVE: July 10, 2023

Please make all checks payable to: Inland Township

	<u>Inland</u>	<u>Stagecoach</u>	<u>Countryside</u>	<u>Brundage</u>
Inland Township Residents:	\$100	No longer	\$500	\$500
Non-Township/County Residents:	\$500	-----	\$500	\$500

All cemeteries include 50% perpetual care charge

**PLEASE DO NOT:**

MAKE GRAVE BORDERS

MOUND GRAVES

PLANT ANYTHING WITH OUT PERMISSION

USE GLASS JARS – PLASTIC ONLY

DUMP TRASH – IF YOU MAKE TRASH, PLEASE TAKE IT WITH YOU