

# Licking Township Cemeteries Rules and Regulations

## GENERAL AUTHORITY

The Trustees of Licking Township under the authority of Section 517.11 of the Ohio Revised Code have adopted and shall enforce the rules and regulations included in this brochure. These rules are equally applicable to registered owners and visitors to the cemeteries. Copies of this document are available by contacting the Township Clerk at the Township mailing address.

Cemetery lots are conveyed with a deed, as personal property. Heirs of lots must provide full proof of ownership. Widows dower rights will be respected.

## PRICING - Effective April 1, 2020

- Single Gravesite Resident/Non-Resident \$400/\$600
- Each Additional Gravesite Resident/Non-Resident \$400/\$600
- Weekday Grave Opening/Closing \$300
- Weekend/Holiday Grave Opening/Closing \$550
- Weekday Cremation Gravesite Opening/Closing \$150
- Weekend/Holiday Cremation Grave Opening/Closing \$300

The Board of Trustees of Licking Township may change prices at any time without prior notification.

## DECORATION POLICIES

The cemeteries encourage the use of floral tributes on the graves of loved ones; however, the beauty and continuity of the cemeteries depend on the cooperative efforts of all families who have love ones in the cemeteries care.

Licking Township will undertake to maintain, as may be practical, the planting of trees and shrubs, to preserve and maintain landscape features, but does not undertake to maintain individual planting of urns or flowers.

No shrubbery or trees are allowed on gravesites.

Fresh cut flowers and plantings when set into the permanent containers on the foundations will be permitted at all times. Flowers/plantings will be removed when they become unsightly. Planting flowers or digging up the turf is permitted only within eight (8) inches of the sides of the grave markers.

The permanent placing of toys, boxes, ornaments, chairs, settees and similar article may ONLY be located on the foundation of the monument. Such items must be permanently attached to the foundation or placed in a permanent container on the foundation. Licking Township is not responsible for these items if items are placed in areas other than described above; the Township reserves the right to remove the items.

Artificial wreaths and evergreen blankets are permitted between November 1 and the March spring cleanup of each calendar year.

## **MONUMENT/MARKER POLICIES**

Persons erecting monuments must not leave the materials on the grounds longer than necessary. Surplus materials and rubbish must be removed at once.

All memorial work contractual agreements are strictly between the memorial company and the individual(s) owning the burial lot. Licking Township will not be a party to these arrangements.

Licking Township personnel will not help unload or place any monuments or markers.

All foundations for monuments and headstones shall be well laid and extend one inch beyond the base stone in every direction. In no case are they to extend less than thirty inches below the surface of the ground having a flat bottom, and the tops shall be flush with the lawn when completed. When the foundation is the support of a large and heavier than normal monument, the foundation shall be appropriately enlarged in depth and width.

Damage to the surrounding turf caused by the placement of a foundation or memorial when the ground is soft will be the responsibility of the memorial company to repair.

No stone is to be placed other than in the usual direction.

Military markers are required to have a foundation.

Striving for surroundings of peace and beauty prohibits advertising of any description within the cemeteries. However, a small emblem or insignia inconspicuously located on the memorial will be permitted. If any monument or structure whatever, or any inscription thereon, shall be determined by the Board of Trustees to be offensive, the Trustees shall have the right, and it shall be their duty, to cause such offensive or improper object to be removed.

Licking Township shall not be held responsible for any monument, headstone or other device that may be broken, defaced or destroyed.

Single graves may erect either a flush or upright memorial constructed of granite, marble or bronze up to a maximum of twelve (12) inches by thirty-two (32) inches.

Double graves may erect either a flush or upright memorial constructed of granite, marble or bronze up to a maximum of twelve (12) inches by fifty-four (54) inches (centered on lot at head end).

Lots larger than two grave spaces may erect either a flush or upright memorial constructed of granite, marble or bronze up to a maximum of twelve (12) inches sixty (60) percent of lot width (centered on lot at head end).

## **GENERAL RULES**

Lots in the cemeteries are conveyed for burial purposes only, subject to such rules and regulations as are now or hereafter put in force by the Trustees.

No burials will be permitted in the cemeteries without a permit from proper authorities. Burial orders must be signed by persons ordering burials before graves are opened.

Cement or steel vaults must be used with all burials.

No person or persons not employed by the cemetery authorities shall excavate any earth, lay or remove any sod alter the grade of any lot within the cemeteries either on or about his own lot or the lots of others, or plant, remove or trim any tree or shrub.

No curbing or masonry of any description shall be placed or installed, nor shall any trees or shrubs of any kind be planted on any of the property herein granted, except by written consent of the Trustees, which consent is hereby reserved.

Graves opened or burials made on Saturday or Sunday are by prearrangement only.

The management of the cemeteries of Licking Township, principally the Licking Township Trustees, reserve the right to compel all persons coming into the cemeteries in the Township to present proper identification; further, the Trustees may refuse admission to anyone not a registered owner or relative of a person interred in the cemeteries.

Cemeteries hours are dawn to dusk. Any person found on the grounds at other times will be considered a trespasser.

The Trustees reserve the right to pass other rules and regulations, or amend these rules and regulations at any time.

No loud or profane actions or language shall be allowed on the cemeteries grounds.

No persons with dogs running at large will be allowed.

Persons with firearms are forbidden to enter cemetery grounds except when participating in military funerals or memorial services.

No alcohol or drugs of any kind will be allowed on the cemetery grounds.

No fast driving in the cemetery is allowed at any time.

No vault of any kind is to be erected above ground until the Trustees have approved the plan.

Clean-up times for the cemeteries will be the fourth (4th) week of March and the full week after the fourth (4th) of July holiday.

Plantings of any type, if determined to be in a state of decay or to have grown out of scale to the surrounding gravesites may be removed at any time by the decision of the Trustees.

Licking Township will not be responsible for injury or accidents occurring on Township cemetery grounds.