

## Chapter 5

### CEMETERY\*

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\* **Cross References:** Administration, Ch. 2; offenses, Ch. 9.

**State Law References:** Regulation of cemeteries, MCL 67.55 et seq., MSA 5.1339 et seq.

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**Sec. 5-1. Board of trustees.**

(a) The board of cemetery trustees shall consist of three (3) members who shall hold the office for three (3) years or until their successors are appointed. One (1) trustee shall be appointed each year.

(b) The board of cemetery trustees shall elect one (1) of its members chairman, and the village clerk or designated person shall act as clerk of the board, but shall have no vote at its meeting. The board shall review this chapter periodically and make recommendations to the council. The board shall serve without compensation.

(Ord. No. 131, § I, 5-12-86)

**State Law References:** Similar provisions, MCL 67.57, 67.58, MSA 5.1341, 5.1342.

**Sec. 5-2. Duties of clerk.**

The village clerk, serving as the clerk of the board of cemetery trustees, shall report in writing to the village council at the first regular council meeting in the month of March of each year as to the condition and finances and the number of lots sold and interments made in the cemetery during the year.

(Ord. No. 131, § II, 5-12-86)

**Sec. 5-3. Public burial ground established.**

The burial ground known as Riverside Cemetery is hereby declared to be public burial ground, and no interment shall be made in any other places in the village except in such other public burial grounds as are already established.

(Ord. No. 131, § III, 5-12-86)

**Sec. 5-4. Lots.**

(a) Cemetery lots will be sold by the sexton and reported to the clerk.

(b) A lot consists of four (4) graves numbered 1 on the north side to number 4 on the south side.

(c) Lots are two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per grave.

(d) All monies are to be paid over to the village and turned in to the treasurer for deposit.

(e) Lot prices are to be reviewed annually and recommendations for change are to be presented to the council.

(f) Lot prices are to be reviewed annually by the cemetery trustees, and

recommendations for changes are to be presented to the council. Changes shall be by council resolution only.

(Ord. No. 131, § IV, 5-12-86; Ord. No. 131-A, § I, 6-2-97)

**Sec. 5-5. Interment.**

- (a) Grave opening and closing shall be done by an agent of the village.
- (b) The village office is to be notified no later than two (2) working days before a grave is to be opened.
- (c) The following schedule is hereby established and shall be charged:

Opening and closing	Fee for resident	Fee for non-resident
Four-foot or larger vault		
Monday--Friday	\$300.00	\$450.00
Saturday	400.00	600.00
Sunday and Holiday	900.00	1,350.00
Infant 1' x 2' in size	100.00	150.00
Cremation	80.00	120.00
Disinterment		
Monday--Saturday	400.00	600.00
Sunday and Holiday	900.00	1,350.00
Disinterment and Reinterment		
Monday--Saturday	600.00	900.00
Sunday and Holiday	900.00	1,350.00

- (d) Burials done in the winter will have an additional fifty dollars (\$50.00) charge for heater.
- (e) Grave opening and closing fees are to be reviewed annually and recommendations for changes are to be presented to the council.
- (f) Mausoleum:

(1) The following schedule is hereby established and shall be charged:

Opening and closing	Fee for resident	Fee for non-resident
Four-foot or larger vault		
Monday--Friday	\$200.00	\$300.00
Saturday	400.00	600.00
Sunday and Holiday	900.00	1,350.00

(2) Burial opening fees are to be reviewed annually and recommendations for changes are to be presented to the council.

(g) A fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) will be charged for the placement of bronze plaques.  
(Ord. No. 131, § V, 5-12-86; Ord. No. 131-A, § I, 6-2-97)

**Sec. 5-6. Upkeep and maintenance.**

(a) Contractors and workers engaged within the cemetery on any class of work whatsoever will be held responsible for damage done by them to any cemetery properties. Contractors and workers will be required to provide certificates of insurance to the village before any actual work is performed within the cemetery.

(b) All foundation work for monuments and markers will be placed by employees of the village at a rate set by the village and at a proper depth and strength.

(c) If any tree, shrub or vine situated on any lot by means of its roots, branches or in any other way becomes a detriment to adjacent lots, paths or avenues, or inconvenient to visitors, the sexton or person in charge shall have the right to remove the detriment or inconvenience, after notification has been given to the proper persons and a reasonable time allowed for response.

(d) Perpetual care shall not include the repair, maintenance or replacement of any monument, marker or other lot adornment, nor will it include the watering of urns, plants, beds or baskets, or the annual placing of beds or cut flowers, except as such work is done in the normal care incidental to regular maintenance. Perpetual care shall include mowing of lots, tree trimming, shrubbery trimming, general maintenance of grave sites and seeding, as necessary.  
(Ord. No. 131, § VI, 5-12-86)

**Sec. 5-7. General rules.**

(a) General rules for the cemetery are as follows:

- (1) Speed limit is fifteen (15) miles per hour inside cemetery grounds.
- (2) No pets or livestock inside grounds.
- (3) No loitering.
- (4) No littering (an area is provided on the north drive next to the shed for trash and clippings).
- (5) Respect will be duly accorded to the grounds and buildings.
- (b) All applicable federal, state and local laws for cemeteries shall also be applied.  
(Ord. No. 131, § VII, 5-12-86)

**Sec. 5-8. General policies.**

General cemetery policies are as follows:

- (1) All markers and monuments will be placed on foundations.
- (2) Foundation work will be done by an authorized agent of the village.
- (3) Requisition and billing of the foundation work will be through the village office.
- (4) The price, using length times the width divided by six (6) relative to the base dimensions of the stone, shall be billed to the owner or ordering party.
- (5) Bronze and cement plaques will be laid in a cement base, and placed for a fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- (6) Depth of marker foundations shall not be less than eighteen (18) inches.
- (7) Depth of monument foundations shall not be less than twenty-four (24) inches.
- (8) The village is not responsible for any damage to markers or monuments through normal wear, natural phenomenon or vandalism.
- (9) The village is not responsible for urns or planters.
- (10) The village will fill or empty urns and planters upon request through the village office.

- (11) All urns, planters, fixtures, etc., shall be in line with the monuments and markers.
  - (12) No thorny or prickly vegetation will be allowed.
  - (13) The village is not responsible for the upkeep of flowers at graveside.
  - (14) All grave blankets must be removed by April 1.
  - (15) Artificial flowers will be removed when deemed unsightly.
  - (16) No littering.
  - (17) Lots will be kept presentable at all times, and grass will not exceed two (2) inches in average height.
  - (18) The plaque placement fees are to be annually reviewed by the cemetery trustees, and recommendations for changes are to be presented to the council. Changes shall be by council resolution only.
- (Ord. No. 131, § VIII, 5-12-86)

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