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MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MIFFLIN AND RIVERSIDE CEMETERIES

To purchase lots, contact the cemetery caretaker:

Mifflin Township Cemetery Office
218 Agler Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Phone: (614) 471-4623

Email: service@mifflin-oh.gov

Hours: 8 a.m until one half hour after dark

Prospective buyers of a lot may, upon application at the office, secure a reservation of any one lot for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

No gatherings or parties allowed on the cemetery grounds other than funerals.

DEEDS



The sale of lots by owners is not permitted except by consent of the Mifflin Township Trustees. Parties wishing to sell back their lots may do so by transferring them to the Township Trustees at the original price paid.

As a husband is not always an heir-in-law of his wife, nor wife of her husband, neither will necessarily inherit the lot from the other. To assure the survivor an interest in the lot, both names should be listed on the deed/certificate. The lot will descend to his or her heirs jointly and in equal undivided shares, subject to the same conditions if the proprietor expires intestate. We follow the Ohio Revised Code of statutes in force to determine who the heirs are at the time of death. The heir or devisees of such decedent are required to supply full proof of their ownership or proprietorship, for the purpose of being recorded in the books of the cemetery upon the decease of an owner or part owner of a lot in the cemetery. The right of ownership or burial of such person cannot be recognized by the officers of the cemetery without such proof and record.

The Courts have held that a deed/certificate to a cemetery lot represents personal property, not real estate, and that a widow has no dower right therein, but her right of burial in the lot may not be denied.

Township residents may not buy graves at township rates to bury non residents of Mifflin Township.



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BURIALS AND CREMATIONS



No interment will be permitted until graves are paid for and arrangements for opening/closing of the graves are satisfactory with the cemetery caretaker.

The owner of a lot may, during his lifetime, designate in writing to the cemetery caretaker the names of those members of his family (or near relatives) whom he wishes to have interred upon his lot. Such writing will then be filed with the cemetery office.

All cremations must be buried in ground at Mifflin/Riverside or in the Columbarium at Mifflin Cemetery. No privately owned niches or cremation benches permitted. No scattering of ashes at Mifflin or Riverside are permitted at any time.

A vacant grave can have up to four cremations.

MARKERS



No monument or marker of any kind can be erected on any lot or grave before said lot or grave is paid in full.

Only one upright headstone permitted and/or a maximum of two flat markers may be used on each lot. Benches may be used in place of a marker at the location a marker would have been erected.

The ownership of a deed/certificate to a lot does not confer the right to do planting nor erect a monument, mausoleum, vase, etc., upon said lot without the express written approval of the cemetery caretaker.

As the deed/certificate to a lot conveys only the right of burial therein, Mifflin Township retains control and supervision of all lots which have been sold; and it shall be the duty of the caretaker to enter upon any lot and prohibit, modify or remove any structure, object, improvement or adornment on such lot which may have been placed thereon in violation of the rules, or which may be considered objectionable or injurious to the lot or adjoining lots, or the general appearance of the cemetery.

DECORATIONS



For the safety of our groundkeepers and visitors, certain decorations are prohibited from graves. These include **artificial/silk flowers**, except from Nov. 15 to March 15 (during this time, any artificial flowers must be securely fastened to headstone); **glass decorations** such as vases, bottles or lights; any **items of obstruction that protrude from the ground** that hinder cemetery maintenance or public safety such as, but not limited to: shepherd hooks, flag



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holders, light holders, etc.; **potted plants/flowers; stone mulch** (such as lava rocks); **stone pavers/edging**, and **solar lights**.



Small Decorations - Small items are permitted, provided that they are secured to the headstone, not on or in the ground. Eternal candles with a durable metal stake as the base are permitted. Prohibited items will be removed. (Please see list of prohibited items.)



Live Plantings - Live flowers may be planted at the base of the stone and may include the side of the stone but no further than 8" from the stone. No planting at the back of the stone permitted at any time. No rose bushes to be planted at any time. All other plantings other than the permitted live flowers must be approved by the cemetery caretaker. No potted plants.

Memorial Day - Grave owners may place flag holders out three (3) days before Memorial Day and remove them three (3) days after. Cemetery personnel will place flags in the flagholders two (2) day before Memorial Day and will remove them two (2) days after. Flag holders may be left in place; however, Mifflin Township Cemetery is not responsible for flag holders left by lot owners.

Veteran's Markers - All bronze veteran markers must be mounted on a concrete or granite base by the township or on the headstone by a monument company at the owner's expense. Mounted bronze veteran markers are placed at the foot of the grave if a headstone already exists or at the head of the grave if to be used as a headstone. We supply a complimentary concrete backer for the bronze plate. Any other type of backer plate is at the lot owner's expense.

The Township will not be responsible for monuments, vases, eternal candles, etc., damaged as a result of vandalism and/or theft, nor be responsible for decorations left out by lot owners. These rules are subject to change without notice. Revised July 19, 2016.



FOR QUESTIONS CONCERNING GRAVE DECORATIONS, CALL THE CEMETERY OFFICE AT (614) 471-4623 OR EMAIL service@mifflin-oh.gov