

CLARENCE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Adopted by the Clarence Township Board as of May 9, 2022

All cemeteries lying within Clarence Township, Calhoun County, Michigan, subject to the jurisdiction of the Clarence Township Board are hereby declared to be subject to the following rules and regulations:

ARTICLE I

The following schedule shall apply to the purchase of burial lots:

**Residents-
Single Lot** **\$ \$300.00**

**Non-Residents-
Single Lot** **\$ \$500.00**

Only residents may purchase burial lot prior to need. The right of use shall include the lot purchaser, their spouse, children or parents. The Board may waive the foregoing limitation in its sole discretion for proper cause shown.

Ownership of lots may be transferred only to the spouse, children or parents of the purchaser.

Lot may be re-purchased by the Township Board for the amount of the original purchase of the lot, subject to availability of funds.

ARTICLE II

Perpetual care will be provided to any lot for which the owner shall pay to the Board an amount of ½ of purchase price as endowment. The amounts so paid shall be invested under the direction of the Board and the income there from applied for the sole purpose of the perpetual care of the lots, monuments, and cemetery grounds so far as such income shall provide.

ARTICLE III

1. Burials shall utilize a vault constructed of materials impervious to decay and rot to prevent ground settling and surface depressions. All Burials and Cremations burials must be buried in the ground by the Township Sexton.

2. Lots shall not be raised or obstructed by grading, fencing, walls, curbs or other impediments of structure of vegetation without the approval of the Board with the exceptions of a single marker or headstone placed at the head of the lot. Any tree, shrubs or bushes not rimmed can be removed by Sexton.

3. No monument, effigy, sign, object, structure or inscription shall be placed upon or permitted to remain upon any lot which is determined by the Board to be offensive, improper or injurious to the appearance or maintenance of the cemetery, nor shall any monuments or structure be permitted to fall into a state of disrepair or deterioration so as to be a hazard to safety or injurious to the appearance of the cemetery.
4. The Board or its designated representative may demand correction or removal of any of the conditions described in the preceding paragraph and upon failure to correct or remove, the Board may enter upon any lot to correct, repair or remove the condition.
5. Monuments shall be placed as to maintain alignment with adjacent monuments. The location, depth, size of monument foundation will be subject to prior approval of the Township Cemetery Sexton. Monument's size shall not exceed 36 inches in width and 4 feet in heights per lot, any variance must be approved by Sexton. Foundations must exceed in size monument by 3' on all sides to prevent the growth of grass near the monuments.

To be placed on the Signs for Clarence Center and Hunt Cemeteries

1. Visiting Hours 7 A.M. to Dusk
2. All Summer Decorations are to be removed by November 1.
3. All Winter Decorations are to be removed by April 1.
4. All plants and decorations need to be placed on the back or side of the Stone.
5. Glass, discolored or excessive amounts or anything that hinders mowing will be removed.
6. All burials, Cremation, and foundations must be approved by the Township Sexton
7. For all rule and regulations please stop at the Township Office or call
517-857-2288

Township of Clarence assumes no responsibility for damages to or losses of decoration, markers or monuments.

ARTICLE IV

Grave opening and closings shall be performed only by persons designated or authorized by the Clarence Township Board.

The following schedule of charges shall govern such services:

Cemetery Rates Effective May 10, 2022

Grave Openings Monday-Friday Services Completed by 3:00 P.M.

Weekday Grave openings	\$ 700.00
Burials After 3:00 P.M.	\$ 750.00
Burials on Saturday, Sunday, & Holiday	\$ 850.00

Services Completed by 3:00 p.m.

Cremation Monday-Friday	\$ 325.00
Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday	\$ 400.00

Use of thaw box (add)	\$ 200.00
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Grave opening from December 1st to March 1st will be \$200.00 additional.

**Infants: One-half of the charges for standard grave openings.
(to one (1) year of age)**

The Township will install all foundations for Head Stone's at Cost of \$.65 per square inch. All checks are to be made out to Matt Double and sent to Clarence Township 27052 R Drive North, Albion Mi 49224.

The foregoing schedule shall be subject to change by resolution of the Township Board from time to time as circumstances require.

ARTICLE V

The Township Board may appoint a Township Sexton who shall be responsible for attending to sale of grave lots, opening and closing graves for burials, maintenance of cemeteries within the township under the jurisdiction of the Board, enforcement of these rules and regulations and such other duties as shall be assigned to the Sexton by the Board from time to time. The Sexton shall be compensated by such means and in such amount as the Board shall determine.

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