

FERNWOOD CEMETERY **RULES & REGULATIONS**

Cemetery Hours of Operation:
Monday thru Friday 7:00AM to 3:00PM
April 1st thru November 15th

Phone Numbers:

Cemetery: 906-428-2326
City Hall: 906-428-3737
Department of Public Works: 906-428-9577

1) DESINGATION OF RESIDENTS

- A) Any adult resident of the city.
- B) Any minor child of an adult resident of the city
- C) Any person who is a student in an institution of higher education and is a child of an adult resident of the city and who does not claim another resident.
- D) Any active member of the armed services who was a resident of the city prior to entering military service.
- E) Any resident of the city who moves into an assisted living facility, nursing home, or other such facility for care.

2) GENERAL RULES - APPY IN ALL AREAS OF THE CEMETERY DURING ALL SEASONS:

- A) PROHIBITED ARE: Glass items, crockery, metal or plastic cans, styrofoam, vigil lights, paper pulp products, wind driven objects (except American & Michigan State Flags), evergreen blankets, toys, stuffed animals, gravel, stones, bark, stakes and or guide lines.
- B) The scattering of cremation ashes is prohibited in Fernwood Cemetery.
- C) The planting of trees, shrubs, bushes and perennials will be done by cemetery personnel only.
- D) All gravestones designed to be read from above (words on top of stone) shall be positioned flush with the ground.
- E) New raised markers must be set on a concrete foundation that is flush with the ground and extends 3 inches beyond the marker on all sides.
- F) Permitted Urns and statues must be placed on a concrete base flush with the ground and extend 3 inches beyond the base of the urn or statue.
- G) All temporary markers placed by Funeral Directors and others must be removed within six months and may not be imbedded in concrete.
- H) The placement of flowers is generally covered by the seasonal rules below, however flowers may be placed on a new grave during any season. These flowers must be removed after 15 days.
- I) All decorations must be placed in a appropriate location next to the stone or lot marker and if they are not they will be relocated by the Cemetery Maintenance Crew to a better location.

- J) No gravestones, foundations, markers, statues, or memorials may be placed or removed without approval of the Cemetery Sexton. All costs associated with the removal of items that were placed without approval will be the responsibility of the person or persons that placed such items.
- K) The City of Gladstone is not responsible for long term degradation, vandalism, loss, or damage to items placed on grave sites. The City of Gladstone is not responsible for damage to gravestones, foundations, markers, statues, or memorials that are improperly placed.

3) **Spring Clean-up Rules, April 1st thru April 30th,** ALL AREAS OF THE CEMETERY:

- A) All winter wreaths and other objects left during the winter months must be removed by April 1st. The cemetery maintenance crew will dispose of said items still in place by April 15th. The only items remaining during this period should be gravestones, concrete urns and concrete statues.

4) **Summer Rules, May 1st thru Sept 30th,** ALL AREAS OF THE CEMETERY:

- A) Do not move watering hoses and sprinklers. The maintenance crew is aware of the watering needs and will handle this chore. If you have watering concerns speak to the Cemetery Sexton.
- B) Do not seed grass or fertilize any part of the Fernwood Cemetery. The maintenance crew has a seeding and fertilizing program that will result in a more uniformed appearance. If you have concerns about the condition of the grass speak with the Cemetery Sexton.
- C) No artificial flowers shall be stuck directly in the ground or hang to the ground
- D) Absolutely no styrofoam, gravel, or rock (even inside vases). Please use sand for weight in vases, or Shepard's Hooks for decorations.
- E) All '1) General Rules' listed above are in force during this season.

5) **Fall Clean-up Rules, Oct 1st thru Oct 31st,** ALL AREAS OF THE CEMETERY:

- A) All flowers, pots, hangers, and other objects used during the summer months must be removed by October 1st. The cemetery maintenance crew will dispose of said items still in place by October 15th. The only items remaining during this period should be gravestones, concrete urns and concrete statues.

6) **Winter Rules, Nov 1st thru Mar 31st,** ALL AREAS OF THE CEMETERY:

- A) During the winter period artificial wreaths less than 30 inches in diameter are allowed, set on stands, easels or Shepard's Hooks. The use of weights of any kind on stands or easels is not permitted.
- B) Evergreen Blankets are not permitted at anytime.
- C) Although evergreen arrangements are preferred for winter months artificial flowers are permitted in all areas except in the bronze vases in the flat sections. (See rule 6-D)
- D) All '1) General Rules' listed above are in force during this season.

7) **Flat Section Rules,** Sections O, P, Q, Y and all new flat sections

- A) All gravestones and bases in these sections must be flush with the ground so that mowers can go over them without damage from mower deck or tires.

- B) No flowers may be planted in the ground in these sections. All flowers must be in an appropriate vase, or Cemetery approved container or they will be removed. (See Cemetery Sexton)
- C) No statues are allowed in these sections, and all vases must be on foundations or on the gravestone and meet the 3 inch clearance rule listed in the '1) General Rules'.
- D) Metal vases built into flat gravestones in these sections must be turned down during; the spring and fall clean-up months, whenever they are not in use, and the winter months to prevent damage to the vases.
- E) All gravestones should be on the owners lot and have the occupants names so that they can be read from the isle way.
- F) All '1) General Rules' listed above are in force during this season.

8) **Decorations Are Removed By Cemetery Staff For The Following Reasons:**

- A) Decorations that become unsightly, deteriorated, withered or are inappropriate are removed weekly on a regular schedule for the best appearance of your lot and the cemetery. Someone must make this decision, and we hope you will appreciate that we make it as carefully as we can. We have no desire to displease you, and we leave the decorations on as long as their appearance is presentable.
- B) Decorations are removed when they fail to conform to size and / or material limitations stated herein.
- C) Decorations are removed when there are several placed on a grave at one time.
- D) Please remember that all cemetery rules exist to protect the conscientious lot holder. If there were no rules, both the cemetery and conscientious lot holder would find good effort useless. While we all cannot agree completely on every rule the city has tried to establish them fairly and uniformly.

Thousands of people visit the Fernwood Cemetery each year, hundreds may visit in a single day. Because the cemetery is open to the public it is very difficult to control the activity of every visitor. We regret that we cannot guarantee gravestones, markers, plaques and decorations will be protected from damage or disappearance.

Adopted by Commission

October26, 2009