

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
HOMELAND CEMETERY, ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

In accordance with R.C. 517.06 and R.C. 517-11 and Resolution No. 1970-6, Rootstown Township Trustees, dated April 14, 1970, the following general rules and regulations are adopted:

1. A township resident shall be designated as one who has been permanently domiciled in the township for at least six (6) months immediately preceding his/her demise.
2. A non-resident shall be designated as one who has permanently moved his domicile from the Township for the six (6) months immediately preceding his/her demise.
3. The Sexton, or a party appointed by the Trustees, shall have the general care and supervision of the cemetery grounds, subject to the order of the Trustees
4. The Trustees shall receive, for opening and closing of graves, a fee to be set each year at the first meeting of January, fluctuating according to the prevailing wage scale.
5. Any resident of Rootstown Township who has not already obtained a lot, and desires a grave for immediate burial purposes, shall be entitled to select one or two grave lot upon payment to the Fiscal Officer for which a one or two grave deed/receipt shall be issued. When a resident holding a two grave deed moves from the Township and becomes a non-resident at the time of burial and the remaining grave is desired, then an additional amount equal to a non-resident fee shall be paid.
6. Any resident of Rootstown Township who has not already obtained a lot, and desires a lot for future burial purposes shall be entitled to select a maximum of one or two grave lot the approval of the Sexton upon payment of the Fiscal Officer, for which a one or two grave deed/receipt shall be issued. Residents may purchase additional lots only at the time of an immediate burial need.
7. All monuments shall be produced only by a commercial vendor.
8. There shall be only one (1) burial and up to, two (2) cremations per paid burial lot.
9. Space permitting, up to two (2) additional crematory burials may be made on existing family burial lots.
10. Any family member of a non-resident desiring a grave for immediate burial where a member of said non-resident's immediate family is buried in the cemetery, shall be entitled to select a one or two grave lot upon payment to the Fiscal Officer for which a lot deed/receipt shall be issued.

11. Any non-resident claiming rights, as a resident shall be required to deposit the non-resident fee with the Township Fiscal Officer after which the Trustees shall decide the issue involved.
12. Improvements of lots by private parties shall be done only with the consent of the Sexton or party in charge.
13. No lots shall be thrown up or raised above surrounding lots.
14. Lot enclosures of any kind are prohibited.
15. Monument foundations shall be laid four (4) feet below the surface of the ground. Foundations for markers or headstones shall be laid at least thirty inches below the surface of the ground. Said work shall only be done under the supervision of the Sexton or party in charge.
16. If any tree or shrub on any lot by reason of spreading roots or branches becomes detrimental to the adjacent lots, paths, walks or drives, or unsightly or inconvenient to passersby, the Trustees shall have the right to remove said tree or shrub or such party thereof as they deem unsightly or detrimental.
17. If any monument, effigy or enclosure, or any structure whatsoever, or any inscription placed in or upon any lot shall be determined by the Trustees to be injurious, offensive, or improper to the surrounding lots or grounds, the Trustees shall have the right, and it shall be their duty to remove same.
18. Any person defacing a stone or monument, causing injury to any tree or shrub, shall be prosecuted in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.
19. No person shall be present on the Township cemetery grounds between dusk and dawn with reasonable cause or permission from the cemetery Sexton or his designated representative.
20. No person shall have pets of any kind on cemetery grounds.
21. Cemetery lots may be transferred only to the township for the original purchase price. Cemetery lots may not be sold to another individual by the owner.
22. In case of interment errors, pursuant to Section 517.23 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Township has the right to disinter a deceased person to correct an interment error. Owners and purchasers acknowledge on behalf of themselves, their heirs, successors, and assigns that the Township has the right to correct any errors that involve the interment of a deceased person. Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code and Township policy, notice of the actions to be taken by the Township will be provided to the decedent's last known kin prior to the correction.
23. One cremation lot shall be provided when the decedent has no life insurance or other assets at the time of death. The Township could provide for cremation and crematory

lot, if one is not already owned by the decedent, provided that the decedent is a resident of the Township. Should death occur in a nursing facility outside the Township, availability of this benefit shall be determined by the decedent's legal domicile prior to the nursing home facility.

24. The funeral director or funeral home, which arranges for opening and/or purchase of a grave, shall be responsible for payment of both the grave and the opening fee.
25. All disinterment and reinterments are subject to all State, County Health Department and Township requirements.
26. Any person making application for the disinterment or reinterment permit accepts all responsibility of the payment of such disinterment/reinterment. Any vault company charges shall be paid by the applicant.
27. All decorations must be removed by January 31st, April 30th, July 31st and October 31st. There will be no in ground planting that goes beyond, 12" oval of the grave marker or monument, excluding Section E which will be flat marker stones.
28. Additional Rules and Regulations for Section E, Cremation remains:
 - A. Cremation remains are located on a 4' by 4' lot.
 - B. Flat markers shall be flush with ground level.
 - C. No in-ground planting shall be permitted.
 - D. Flowers and decorations shall be removed thirty (30) days after burial. After thirty (30) days the Cemetery Sexton shall remove any remaining flowers or decorations.
29. The Trustees agreed to authorize the waiving of cemetery opening and closing fees for current employees as well as for former full-time or part-time employees with at least seven (7) years of service to the Township.