

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **LAKEVIEW CEMETERY**

All persons are reminded that the grounds are sacred. The cemetery is devoted to the burial of the dead and that provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by Michigan State Law and the Village of Lakeview, will be strictly enforced.

1. The Village shall have the authority to enter upon any lot or site to remove anything objectionable or that was placed contrary to the rules and regulations of the cemetery.
2. The Village is not responsible for theft or damage to anything on sites or grounds.
3. No trees of any kind, including evergreens, will be planted or permitted in the plotted sections. No shrubbery or ornamentals of any kind will be planted or permitted in the plotted sections. Any large ornamental donated trees may be placed at the direction of the Director of Public Works at a location around the fringe of the cemetery.
4. The Village shall trim or remove any dead, damaged, unsightly, overgrown, hazardous, or unauthorized trees, shrubs, vines, flowers or plants.
5. No rose bushes shall be placed or planted on grave site.
6. Flowers will be regulated and placed in urns or planters only.
  - A) Flower containers can project no further than 18 inches from each end of the headstone and must be contained within the grave site.
7. Planters will be allowed if they are not glass, ceramic or clay. They must be of a weight that can easily be moved by the grounds keeper but not light enough to blow away.
8. No planter, box, basket or vase can weigh over twenty pounds when full. If found in violation they will be removed without prior notice.
9. Unsightly, damaged or broken containers, urns, vases, baskets or loose artificial flowers will be immediately removed and disposed of by the Village.
10. No digging of holes to plant flowers or to hold flower pots and other containers is permitted. No arrangements secured with wire or wire objects of any kind are permitted. Wreaths and stands are for winter only.
11. Site owners who plant flowers and then fail to have them properly watered, trimmed and free of weeds, are hereby notified that the Village reserves the right to remove neglected plants from vases, urns, and containers as soon as they become objectionable.
12. Plot Modification: Any plot modifications including stonework or other grave markings must have sexton's approval. No enclosures of any kind, i.e., fence, coping, edging, or ditch shall be permitted on any lot or site. Grave mounds will not be allowed. No site shall be raised above the established grade of the land. No rocks, stones, chips, bark, statues, figurines, bird baths, benches, or decorations shall be permitted on a grave site and will be removed and disposed of immediately without prior notice.
13. No boxes, shells, toys, sprinkling cans, receptacles, related articles or artifacts are permitted on any site.
14. No wooden or cast iron benches are allowed.
15. No wooden or wire trellises are allowed.

16. Shepherd Hooks or Arches for hanging baskets are allowed. The hooks will have to be directly adjacent to either end of the foundation, with the basket hanging directly over the monument. The hooks must be of the single pole type and only one hook per monument. All hooks must be made of a minimum of ½" steel and be kept painted. Any hooks that become rusted and unsightly will be removed without notice.
17. Winter blankets or wreaths may be placed no sooner than November 1<sup>st</sup> and must be removed by April 15<sup>th</sup> so that grounds can be prepared for Memorial Day. Artificial flowers and other items of decoration must also be removed by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Unauthorized items will be removed by the Village without prior notice and be disposed of.
18. Authorized items may be placed beginning May 15<sup>th</sup>. Unauthorized items placed in the Cemetery will be removed by the Village without prior notice and be disposed of.
19. The cost of removal of prohibited items may be charged to the owners of the lot.
20. No person shall be permitted to use profane or foul language, or in any way disturb the quiet and good order of the cemetery.
21. No person or persons shall be allowed to carry or discharge firearms in the cemetery. Military Honor Guards and Law Enforcement agencies are excluded from this prohibition.
22. No person can enter or exit the cemetery except by public access points.
23. Speeds of over 10 MPH are not allowed.
24. No person shall ride or drive upon the lawns. All-Terrain Vehicles and other recreational vehicles are not allowed on the cemetery grounds.
25. No one shall be allowed in the cemetery other than during daylight hours.
26. Dogs and pets are permitted on the grounds only if properly secured and/or leashed with pet waste being properly disposed of.
27. No drugs or alcohol consumption is permitted on cemetery grounds.
28. No children under 18 will be permitted in the cemetery unless attended by an adult person who will be responsible for their actions.

A COMPLETE COPY OF THE CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE LAKEVIEW VILLAGE OFFICE.