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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF ADA TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES

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* Denotes changes/updates

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MAPS AND LOCATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

The Ada Cemetery and the Findlay Cemetery are governed by the Ada Township Board and under the direction of the Ada Township Clerk.

These Rules and Regulations were developed for the best interests of the cemetery lot deed owners, as well as the responsibilities of the Township Board and Cemetery Personnel.

The guidelines were established to promote a harmonious and quiet beauty through-out the Cemeteries grounds.

In formulating these Rules and Regulations, the Board has kept in mind the above-mentioned objective. At the same time, the Board has tried to avoid unreasonable Restrictions, in order to preserve for the individual lot owners a degree of freedom to carry out their own wishes with respect to decoration of the graves and the use of the grounds.

The Rules and Regulations have been adopted by the Township Board. It is hoped this information will be useful to lot owners, to prospective lot owners, and to others having a genuine interest in the maintenance and operation of the cemeteries in Ada Township. The Board reserves the right to amend these rules, when and as a need for change may arise...

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GENERAL RULES

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

General care of the cemeteries is a responsibility of the Ada Township Board and their costs of operation and development are borne by the General Fund of the Township.

General care of the cemeteries includes: raking of leaves from the grounds in the Spring; pruning of shrubs and trees; care of driveways and walkways; and care of open lawn areas and fences. If an individual lot has been treated in a manner to need special maintenance, it is the responsibility of the lot owner.

*The Board will take all reasonable precautions to protect the rights of the deed holder within the cemeteries but the Board disclaims any responsibility for loss or damage cause beyond the Board's control.

VISITATION AND USAGE

The township cemeteries are open for visitation from dawn to dusk. All who come to The cemeteries during these hours of daylight for the customary purposes of visitations, are welcome. It is emphasized, however, that the cemetery is not a park, playground, or parking lot.

Prohibited uses within the cemeteries are consumption of alcoholic beverages, littering of the grounds, hunting within the boundaries.

** 1-01-22-01 Routine lawn maintenance, vandals, theft, weather, etc.*

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Vehicles with the cemeteries shall not exceed five miles per hour.

No one shall bring brush or other refuse into the cemeteries for disposal. Brush and leaves accumulated in the maintenance of the cemeteries shall be deposited in specified areas. *Decorations, containers placed on graves will be removed no later than October 1st of each year by the lot owner and disposed of privately.

PURCHASING AND OWNERSHIP OF LOTS

The Lot or grave site may be deeded from the Ada Township Clerk if the (1) person is a registered voter or has the qualifications of being a voter in Ada Township, or (2) the person has paid taxes upon property upon the last tax roll (3) or if the deceased did pay taxes upon property upon the last tax roll.

A Use Deed will be executed by the Clerk and record of the ownership is entered in the township cemetery file. Any later change in ownership resulting from inheritance, or gift transfer, survivorship must be reported to the Clerk promptly (without such notice it is impossible to be known to what persons have rights to any such gravesites).

Graves sites are purchased with the understanding and acceptance of these Rules And Regulations. As a condition of the purchasers and their heirs to abide by them.

**2-01-22-01 Containers not maintained or weathered may be removed at the discretion of the Township Clerk/Board. or agent of.*

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INTERMENT

The right to open and close graves in the Ada Township Cemeteries is reserved by Ada Township, the actual work being done by a person or persons employed by and acting on behalf of the Board. Information on the charge payable is available from the Clerk at the Ada Township Offices. The charges include opening and closing the grave and restoring the surface of the grave. Burials shall include the installation (by others) of a receptacle in the grave to receive and completely encase the casket in its final resting place. The burial vault shall be of an enduring material such as reinforced, Portland Cement concrete and designed to carry the earth pressures it will be subjected to.

No burial will be made without a proper burial permit. The Board will not be responsible for the interment permit nor the identity of the person whose body is to be interred.

No disinterment will be made without a court order.

SUNDAY AND LEGAL HOLIDAY BURIALS

No burials shall be made in the Ada Township Cemeteries on Sunday, New Years Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, (without prior approval of the Ada Township Clerk or Board).

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GRAVESIDE SERVICES

Because the Ada Township Cemeteries are “country” cemeteries and have uneven terrain and narrow roadways, graveside services are discouraged in inclement weather and especially in the winter season. Private family graveside services are preferred for the safety of the mourners and the maneuvering of vehicles. The Clerk /or Board reserves the right to deny these services to be held if weather conditions are judged to have created hazardous situations.

CREMATIONS

A single gravesite may have two burials of cremation remains. A single monument, inscribed with the names of the two persons shall be allowed and placed in line with adjoining gravesites. * Note: The columbarium also allows two cremation remains in each compartment.

ERRORS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS

All reasonable efforts will be made to establish identity of the person or persons claiming ownership of the lot or making arrangements for the interment. The board will not be liable for misrepresentations or errors made by person or persons, legal representatives or agents.

ERRORS MAY BE CORRECTED

Ada Township shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made, either in making interments, disinterments, or removals, or in the description, transfer or conveyance of any interment property, either by canceling such conveyance and substituting and

conveying in lieu thereof other interment property of equal value and similar location as near as possible, or as may be selected by the clerk, or, by refunding the amount of money paid on account of that purchase.

In the event the error shall involve the interment of remains of any person in such property, Ada Township shall have the right to remove and re-enter the remains in such other property of equal value and similar location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof.

ORDERS BY TELEPHONE

Under no condition will Ada Township assume responsibility for errors in opening graves when orders are given by telephone. Orders by the Funeral Director for the opening of graves will be considered as orders from the deed holder.

Unless there is clear designation from the Funeral Director or the lot owner the selection of a gravesite will be chosen by Cemetery personnel, as directed by the Clerk of the Township. *(If the Clerk is unavailable, the Deputy Clerk with notification to the Township Supervisor).

DECORATIONS AND PLANTINGS

Decorations of graves or plantings on lots anywhere in the cemeteries, which are deemed to hamper maintenance of the cemeteries or detract from its general appearance may be removed by direction of the Clerk and/or Cemetery Committee. Decorations or plantings by a lot owner *3 must be restricted to the area within the boundaries of the lot or gravesite deeded by him/her. *4 Decorations or arrangements not in planters will be removed (at least once a year) and placed in refuse container.

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MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS

Installation of a memorial on any lot or gravesite in the cemeteries shall be supervised by township personnel. A concrete base shall be provided for each monument or marker at the owner's expense. The base shall be entirely within the boundaries of the owners' lot. If any monument or other structure or any inscription that may be placed in or upon any burial lot shall be determined by the Ada Township Board to be offensive or improper, it shall be removed by the owner immediately. If the owner of the lot fails to remove it upon notice from the Board, the Township may enter upon the premises and remove it.

ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

At the regular meeting of the Ada Township Board on January 22, 2001, the foregoing Rules and Regulations for the Ada Township Cemeteries were re-adopted with noted Amendments.

**3-01-22-01 No trees, bushes shrubs or deciduous plantings*

**4-01-22-01 The Township is not responsible for damages to any plantings or decorative Items due to theft, vandals, weather or routine maintenance.*

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD of the TOWNSHIP OF ADA at a regular meeting held on the 22nd Day of January, 2000.
