

**CARLISLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES  
RULES, REGULATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS  
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

The following reasonable rules, regulations, and restrictions are made in the interest of all concerned in order that the Carlisle Township Cemeteries may always be a place of abiding beauty and a source of continual satisfaction to all whose interests are here.

These rules, regulations, and restrictions will supersede all former rules, regulations, and restrictions and will become effective as amended and be in force November 4, 2019. These rules, regulations, and restrictions may be altered or amended at any time at the discretion of the Carlisle Township Trustees without notice to the plot owners. Violators of these rules and regulations will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The Trustees are not responsible for person's walking in the cemetery, injured by uneven grounds, beyond the normal maintenance. The Trustees are not responsible for damage to monuments beyond reasonable care.

No hunting, loitering or littering will be permitted on Cemetery grounds. Cemeteries are for human burials only and will not discriminate based on gender, race, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

**LOTS**

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Residents and Non-Residents of Carlisle Township will be eligible to purchase burial places in LaPorte Cemetery, Murray Ridge Cemetery, and will be furnished a copy of these Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions upon request or in conjunction with any inquiry related to the purchase of a burial plot. All money is to be paid to the Township Fiscal Officer. Checks should be made payable to Carlisle Township. The Carlisle Township Trustees will issue a deed for the burial plot(s) when accounts are paid in full.

Residents are persons living within the boundaries of Carlisle Township. In making a determination of residency, the Township shall consider any or all of the following:

1. Whether the individual owns real property within the Township;
2. Whether the address appearing on the individual's driver's license or other State ID is located within the Township;
3. Whether the individual receives mail at an address located within the Township;
4. Any other relevant facts establishing a connection with the community evidencing the intent to be a resident of the Township; and

Residents also include those who have left Carlisle Township within the last five (5) years for health reasons and were confined to a hospital, nursing home, or short/long-term care facility at the time of death. Past long-time residents may be considered for the residential rate at the discretion of the Carlisle Township Trustees.

Each owner is vested with the ownership of their interment or inurnment right for the sole purpose of interment or inurnment of human dead bodies. **They do not own the land.** When a cemetery plot or grave is purchased, the cemetery retains ownership of the land. The purchase allows the owner the right to be buried on cemetery property. This burial right is owned in perpetuity, and can be handed down in a family or willed to another family member. (See Deed Transfers)

## **2ND INTERMENT RIGHT**

The purchase of a lot in accordance with these Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions will vest the owner with one (1) right of burial (interment or inurnment) per site. In the event that a lot owner wishes for the remains of other individuals to be placed within the same site as that for which the burial right was purchased, the cost of this second interment or inurnment will be charged at fifty percent (50%) of the current purchase price of the lot in question.

In any event, no more than two (2) cremation burials, or one (1) burial and one (1) cremation burial, or one (1) parent and one (1) infant burial will be permitted per site

**Please refer to the attached CARLISLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY FEES schedule for lot prices and information.**

**All burial plots must be paid in full before interment takes place.**

## **LOT REPURCHASE**

Should a lot owner no longer wish to own the burial rights of a lot(s), the Carlisle Township Trustees may repurchase these lots at their discretion at the owner's original purchase price. The original owner must present the original deed to the Township Fiscal Officer to complete this transaction. The Trustees will then offer said lot(s) to the public at the current rate for a plot.

## **DEED TRANSFERS**

All transfers are at the discretion of the Carlisle Township Trustees.

**Please refer to the attached CARLISLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY FEES schedule for deed transfer fees and information.**

Any person who receives a Carlisle Township cemetery grave by gift, inheritance, or any other means other than the original conveyance will, within one year after receiving the interest, provide written notice of his/her name and address to Carlisle Township and will notify Carlisle Township of any subsequent changes. If the original deed holder is living, he/she will surrender the deed to the Township and the Trustees will issue a new deed in the new owner's name. The old deed must be properly notarized before this transfer can be made. See Fee Schedule for transfer costs.

If proper notification is not received or the owner or his family has not used the grave(s) within 50 years, Carlisle Township will send, via certified mail to the last known address, its notice of intent to repurchase. If the owner's address is not known, a legal notice will be published, once, in a newspaper serving the county, of the Township's intent.

If a non-resident is buried on a resident's lot, the non-resident opening and closing fee applies. If the deceased was a former longtime resident of Carlisle Township (15 years or more) the resident's fee will be applied.

## **BURIALS**

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The Carlisle Township cemetery personnel will be notified of every prospective burial at least forty-eight (48) hours before interment is made. The burial process is usually arranged by the funeral home, and the funeral home will notify the township of the burial date.

Please refer to the attached **CARLISLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY FEES** schedule for service fee information.

**The cost of opening and closing of graves must be paid in full before interment takes place.**

No funerals will be accepted for service after 2:00 p.m. All funeral participants must be out of the cemetery by 4:00 p.m.

For purposes of these rules, regulations, and restrictions, a child will be defined as any person less than 12 years of age and an infant will be defined as any person less than 1 year of age.

### **Scattering Garden**

No planting or decorations will be allowed in the ground cover at any time.

## **VAULTS / CREMATIONS**

All burial vaults and grave liners must be constructed of concrete or steel. No wooden boxes, multi-piece top lids, or air-sealed burials vaults are permitted in the cemetery. The exception to this rule is infant burials which may be buried in a polystyrene (plastic resin) sealed casket.

If an oversized vault is needed but is too large for a single lot, the Township requires that the burial be on two (2) lots.

Cremains must be buried in an approved cremation urn designed for such use. No wooden boxes or air dome vaults are permitted for any burials.

There are no Green Burials permitted.

## **VAULT LOWERING**

The procedure for lowering vaults with caskets in them during a funeral will be permitted at the Carlisle Township Cemeteries provided the vault company agrees, in writing before any such funeral takes place, to assume all responsibility and liability for such vault lowering.

## **DISINTERMENTS (REMOVAL OF A BODY)**

Disinterment's will be held on weekdays only. No body will be removed without a court order per Ohio Revised Code Sections 517.23 and 517.24. A court appointed person or mortician must be present at the time the body is

removed. Removal of a body will be at the current cost of opening and closing a grave, plus any additional costs incurred beyond the normal digging.

**Please refer to the attached CARLISLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY FEES schedule for service fee prices and information.**

## **BURIALS**

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**Footers for all memorials will be placed by *Carlisle Township employees ONLY* and are mandatory.**

**Please refer to the attached CARLISLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY FEES schedule for final calculation for the cost of a foundation and information.**

No foundation will be placed until all grave and burial fees are paid in full.

No foundation will be poured until the fresh grave of a casket burial has had at least **six (6) months** to settle properly unless conditions warrant the pouring to occur earlier. The cemetery personnel and/or Carlisle Township Trustees reserve the right to make this determination. This time period does not apply to cremation burials.

## **HEADSTONES / MONUMENTS**

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Headstones and monuments will only be set as arrangement with the cemetery personnel. Monuments shall be made of marble, granite, or metal. Monuments made of other material must be approved by the Trustees. No mausoleums or crypts are allowed.

**All tombstones, markers, headstones, or any other fixtures will be placed ONLY under the supervision of the Carlisle Township cemetery personnel.** No monument will exceed 24" x 12" on a single grave; and 36" x 12" or 48" x 12" (flush) on a double grave.

The Carlisle Township Trustees will have the right to remove or cause to be changed any inscription or object it deems to be offensive, at the owner's expense. The cemetery personnel will have the right to correct any error made in the placement of a marker or monument.

Veteran Markers are installed at no cost.

**Please refer to the attached CARLISLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY FEES schedule for prices relating to the raising of headstones and information.**

## **MAINTENANCE**

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Carlisle Township disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damages be direct or collateral other than herein provided.

**NO PERMANENT FIXTURE WILL BE PLACED ON THE GRAVESITE.**

**PERMANENT PLANTINGS OF ANY KIND SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED AROUND OR ON GRAVESITES.** The cemetery personnel will be permitted to cause every grave to be leveled and filled to correspond to the general surface of the cemetery.

Holiday decorations are allowed for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day for a two week period only to allow for proper maintenance.

Hanging plant holders, flag holders and Shepherd hooks are **prohibited** and will be removed by Carlisle Township employees. Flags and banners not larger than 12 inches by 18 inches are permitted on an allowed hook or stand.

For **spring cleanup**, all arrangements must be removed by March 15th or they will be discarded.

For **fall cleanup**, all arrangements must be removed by October 15<sup>th</sup> or they will be discarded.

### **PROHIBITED DISPLAY ITEMS**

No fence, trellis, metal or plastic grass guards, marble chips, decorative stone, rock, gravel, wood chips, or edging is allowed around the plot. Stepping stones, decorations hanging from trees and windsocks are not permitted. American flags may be displayed when placed in a metal flag holder.

Toys, ornaments, metal designs, ceramic figurines, home-made markers, vigil lights and small statues, urns and planters, etc. are prohibited.

The use of glass containers is **not** permitted.

Permanent plantings of any kind shall **not** be permitted

The sprinkling of ashes over cemetery property is **not** permitted.

The Carlisle Township Trustees reserve the right to restrict unusual arrangements. If the grave site becomes unsightly, not properly maintained, has plantings that obstruct the vision of the monument or is not in accordance with the above rules, the Carlisle Township Trustees and cemetery personnel have the right to remove any and all such plantings or display items.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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All cemetery property is sacred ground devoted to the burial of loved ones. A respectful atmosphere shall be maintained at all times. **No person within a cemetery shall:**

Be present on the cemetery grounds between dusk and dawn without reasonable cause or permission from the appropriate authority.

Play, loiter, or park any vehicle without having official business in the cemetery.

Pick any flowers, wild or cultivated, if not owned by such person.

Destroy, deface, remove, sit or stand on, or perform any other disrespectful act to any monument, tree, shrub, building, equipment, or any other object connected to the cemetery or any object for the purpose of the memory of a person interred in the cemetery. Any person injuring or disturbing the shrubbery, plants, flowers, or defacing or damaging memorials or other articles that are a part of the cemetery or steals any decorations or monuments or markers is in violation of the cemetery rules and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Have pets of any kind on cemetery grounds.

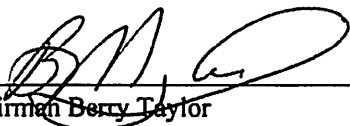
The speed of any vehicle in the cemetery is not to exceed 10 mph.

Parking is permitted in designated areas only. Care should be employed in parking so as not to obstruct traffic.


The cemetery will be open to visitors from sunrise to sunset.

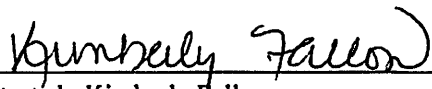
All work done in the cemetery is to be done by employees of Carlisle Township except when permission by the Township Trustees is otherwise granted.

Adopted: November 4, 2019

  
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Chairman Berry Taylor

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Trustee James Wright

  
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Trustee Jared Smith

  
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Attested: Kimberly Fallon