

RULES GOVERNING THE OPERATION  
of  
MT. HOPE AND PARMALEE CEMETERIES  
Thornapple Township, Middleville, Michigan

1. **LOT SALES:** Burial sites will be sold in multiples of two, next in line and contiguous to each other. Sites can be sold individually with extenuating circumstances and will be considered on a case by case basis.
2. **PAYMENT:** Lots must be paid for on date of purchase. Methods of payment accepted are cash or check payable to the Thornapple Township.

Cemetery Rates (Effective August 1, 2021)

Thornapple Residents

- \$700.00 per standard lot
- \$300.00 per cremain lot

Non-Residents

- \$1,000.00 per standard lot for non-residents
- \$500.00 per cremain lot for non-residents

**\*\* Note:** In the instance of immediate burial need, any additional lot(s) for resident minor children may be purchased at the current resident approved rate.

Open/Close Fees (Effective January 1, 2023 – Present, subject to contract)\*

- \$600.00 for full burial
- \$200.00 for cremains (May through October)
- Add \$100 for cremains OR full burials (November through April)
- **PLUS**, add an extra \$100.00 fee for *AFTER* 4:00 p.m. during the week, weekend, holiday.

3. **FOUNDATIONS:** Foundations for monuments and markers must be constructed by the Sexton. Foundations will not be installed until lots are paid in full. All fees charged by the Contractor will be the responsibility of the family of the deceased. As stated in the Cemetery Maintenance Agreement, the contractor may charge the following fees for the construction of monument/marker foundations.

Monument Foundations – standard lots (Effective January 1, 2023 – Present, subject to contract)

- .44 cents per square inch, with a minimum charge of \$150.00.
- \$100.00 maximum fee for a military veteran's bronze plaque foundation.
- All foundations will be 12-inches deep with a 4-inch border on each side of the monument.
- Urns may be placed in line with monuments only. All urns not used for 2 years will be stored on the premises.

Marker foundations –cremain lots

- Charges for the marker foundation shall be one-half (1/2) the rate charged for regular cemetery foundations, with a minimum charge of \$100.00
- All foundations will be at least 12 inches in depth and an area of the size of the marker.
- Memorial markers shall not be larger in area than 24" X 24" and must be placed level with the surrounding ground. The marker may be of a permanent granite or suitable (bronze) material

4. **TRANSFER:** The transfer of burial rights for any lot is \$25 per transfer to cover processing expenses.

5. **INTERMENT:** All interments shall be made by the cemetery Sexton. Only vaults constructed for permanent duration may be used. No plastic or fiberglass vaults will be allowed.

### **INTERMENT OF CREMAINS**

- All interments shall be placed at least 18 inches below ground level within a container of the deceased's estate/survivor's specifications.
- Not more than one interment of cremains may be made within one cremains lot.
- Not more than two interments of cremains may be made within one standard lot.

6. **PLANTINGS:**

- All plantings of trees or shrubs are discouraged. However, if approved by the Sexton, all plantings must be of a dwarf variety. The Sexton must approve removal of existing trees and shrubs. The use of decorative stones or bark is prohibited and will be removed by the Sexton
- Ornaments, shrubs, or trees are prohibited on the Cremain lot. Seasonable flowers in a suitable container are permitted. If not removed by close of the growing season, it will be removed by the Sexton by approximately October 31. Winter clean up (dead/plastic flowers, etc.) will be done by April 1.
- Sexton: Wickham Cemetery Care