

Cemetery Rules & Regulations
Auglaize Township
Allen County, Ohio
(As Required by Ohio Revised Code § 517.06)

These Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees, Auglaize Township, Allen County, Ohio (hereinafter “the Board”), became effective October 18th 2021 and replace and supersede all previous rules and regulations adopted by the Board.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

Purpose: The purpose of these Rules & Regulations is to maintain beautiful cemeteries at a reasonable cost. This is in the interest of all lot owners and can be achieved by the cooperation of all concerned. These Rules & Regulations are intended, not as restraining, but rather as preventing the inconsiderate from taking unfair advantage of others. These Rules & Regulations are hereby adopted as the rules as regulations of all Auglaize Township cemeteries located in Auglaize Township, Allen County, Ohio, and all owners of interment or inurnment rights, visitors. Contractors performing work within any Auglaize Township cemeteries shall be subject to said rules and regulations, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by the Board from time to time, hereby superseding any and all previous Rules and Regulations.

Cemetery Hours

All Auglaize Township cemeteries shall be open from Dawn until Dusk, daily.

Supervision of Cemetery

The Board reserves the right to compel all persons coming into any Auglaize Township cemetery to obey all rules and regulations adopted by the Board.

These Rules & Regulations may be changed by the Board, without notice to any owner of rights of interment or inurnment.

The Board shall take reasonable precaution to protect owners and the property rights of owners within any Auglaize Township cemetery from loss or damage and will repair any damage to a grave marker or monument that was caused by cemetery personnel. However, the Board and all cemetery personnel distinctly disclaim all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control. The Board is not and shall not be liable for damage caused by elements, acts of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasion, insurrections, riots, or orders of any Military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral.

Cemetery Seasons

Grave Decorations, the year shall be divided into two seasons:

- 1) Winter: November 1st - March 1st , **Winter Decorations not removed will be disposed of by March 8th.**
- 2) Summer: March 1st - November 1st, **Summer Decorations not removed will be disposed of by November 8th.**

Winter Season

Bouquets or sprays of natural or artificial flowers in turn-down vases or vases mounted as part of the monument or mounted securely on an upright monument are permitted during the winter season.

Grave blankets of an evergreen or similar material – flush with the ground and securely anchored are permitted during the winter season. Bouquets or sprays securely anchored to the ground are also permitted.

Grave blankets must within seven (7) calendar days after the end of winter season, or they will be removed by cemetery personnel.

Summer Season

Bouquets or sprays of natural or artificial flowers in turn-down vases or vases mounted as part of the monument or mounted securely on an upright monument are permitted during the summer season.

Special Date Exceptions

Potted plants, summer wreaths, baskets, small planters and plastic designs are permitted only for a period of seven (7) calendar days before and ending seven (7) calendar days after each of the following special dates:

Federal Holidays, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, and Christmas.

If any of these decorations are not removed by the decorator or owner at the end of each Special Date period, they will be removed and disposed of by cemetery personnel.

Modifications and Amendments

The Board may, and it hereby expressly reserves the right at all times, with or without notice to any owner of rights of interment or inurnment, to adopt new rules and regulations, or to amend, alter, and/or repeal any rule, regulation, and/or article section, paragraph, and/or sentence in these Rules & Regulations.

Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The Board, therefore, reserves the right, without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions, or modifications in any of these Rules & Regulations, when, in its judgment, the same appear advisable; and such temporary exceptions, suspensions, or modifications shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of these Rules & Regulations, or as creating any enforceable precedence.

Cemetery Rules

The following rules apply to all Auglaize Township cemeteries located in Auglaize Township, Allen County, Ohio. The Auglaize Township Cemetery Regulations are fully incorporated herein by reference. These rules shall apply to any owner of rights of interment or inurnment, along with any person entering any Auglaize Township cemetery.

1. All decorations should be clear of any cemetery maintenance.
2. Glass containers of any kind are considered dangerous and are never permitted.
3. Any devices such as wires, stakes, glass objects, etc., that would otherwise be dangerous to cemetery personnel or damaging to equipment are not permitted and will be removed immediately by cemetery personnel, along with any decorations attached to said items.
4. When decorating the grave lot, the decorator is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the decorations and flowers that were placed on the lot. This includes weeding around objects and flowers. All flowers and decorations that are not maintained at the gravesite and/or foundation of a headstone will be removed and discarded immediately by cemetery personnel.
5. Any planting of flowers are to be no more than 8" from the foundation. Anything further than 8" from the foundation will be removed and discarded immediately by cemetery personnel. Planting of trees or shrubs of any type is not permitted. Digging of any type is permitted only by pre-approval of cemetery personnel. Please contact the Superintendent of the cemetery before planting any type of flowers.
6. Deteriorated, unsightly, and inappropriate grave decorations, as determined by the Auglaize Township Trustees (hereinafter "the Board") by Board Resolution, shall be removed immediately. Neither the Board nor cemetery personnel assume any responsibility for damages or disappearance of any decorations or containers that are placed on the grave lot.
7. No fences, posts, railings, mulch, or other barriers shall be put in or placed upon any lot. Any barriers placed upon a lot will be subject to immediate removal by cemetery personnel.
8. Regardless of location, all trees, shrubs, and plants, whether existing now or in the future are in the custody of the cemetery.
9. Any items placed on a cemetery lot must be secured and intact to prevent loss during heavy wind periods or storms. An identification tag can be placed on any decorations of value to help minimize loss. However, the Board and cemetery personnel are not responsible for items placed on any grave lot. The Board and all cemetery personnel distinctly disclaim all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control. The Board is not and shall not be liable for damage caused by elements, acts of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasion, insurrections, riots, or orders of any Military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral.
10. The American Flag may be displayed at any time during the year as long as it is kept in good condition.
11. No Monument cannot exceed maximum width of 14" from base to top of monument.
12. Loitering is not permitted in any Auglaize Township cemetery.
13. The speed limit within all Auglaize Township cemeteries in 10 MPH.
14. No alcohol or illegal drugs of any kind are permitted on any Auglaize Township cemetery grounds.

For any information concerning these Rules & Regulations, please contact:

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