

**BLENDON CENTRAL CEMETERY
GRAVESITES, MAUSOLEUM, NICHES, & COLUMBARIA
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Resolution 2014-06
Effective Date: January 15, 2014
Amended: January 15, 2014**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of Blendon Township have set the following rules and regulations for Blendon Central Cemetery:

FUNERALS:

- A. No interments, entombments or disinterments will be accepted at the cemetery on Sundays, or the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
- B. Funerals shall be scheduled for arrival to the cemetery prior to 3:00 P.M. Late arrivals will be assessed a Saturday rate.

CHAPEL RENTAL

- A. Chapel Rental must be registered (at least 24 hours in advance) through the Cemetery Office.
- B. Rental block time not to exceed three (3) hours.
- C. No food or drink allowed in Chapel at anytime.
- D. Flowers and candles only allowed during funeral service.
- E. Chapel condition must be returned to its original condition to avoid additional fees.
- F. If additional cleanup is needed, a minimum of \$50.00 per hour fee will be charged.

**GRAVESITE, MAUSOLEUM & COLUMBARIA
RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT RATES**

- A. Current residents of Blendon Township and Minerva Park may purchase gravesites for any members of their immediate family at resident rates. Immediate family is defined as:

- Husband or Wife
- Children (including adopted and foster children) of one or both of the above
- Parents of the husband or wife
- Relatives residing in the family home

Resident or non-resident status shall be determined by the Ohio laws governing legal residence for voting purposes, and shall be the same for minor children, or property owners in Blendon Township. Gravesites purchased by or for anyone other than the immediate family of Blendon Township residents, as defined above, shall be purchased at the non-resident rate.

ENTOMBMENT & INTERMENT

- A. The Township requires twenty-four (24) hours notice for ALL interments.
- B. Interment charges include opening and closing of the grave and are due and payable when the order is given.
- C. All other payments must be received within 24 hours of burial.
- D. Only one casket and one cremation, or two cremations shall be allowed in a grave.
- E. All openings and closings of a grave shall be under the direction of a Blendon Township Trustee, or their designee, or the Township Cemetery Superintendent.

DISINTERMENT

- A. Disinterments will be accepted Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00AM-2:00PM. A five day notice is required.
- B. Disinterments will be made upon court order. Permission to make disinterments not ordered by the court will be given upon written order by the lot owner, surviving wife or husband, legal age children, or parents of the deceased (in the order stated) provided such disinterment is not made for profit or other reasons considered improper by cemetery authorities.
- C. No disinterment will be made until there is compliance with all State Regulations and Rules of the local Health Authorities.
- D. Although we take great pride in the quality of the interment of your loved one, we will not be responsible for vaults or caskets damaged during disinterment of a full body grave.

MAUSOLEUM, CRYPT & COLUMBARIA NICHES

- A. No flower arrangements, flags, decals, photographs, military insignias, or any other items may be taped, wired or otherwise attached by any means to the front of crypts and /or niches.
- B. No decorations of any kind are permitted in the mausoleum or niche areas.
- C. All doors in the mausoleum and columbaria are engraved with the same size font by a professional engraving company approved by the Blendon Township Trustees. Only family information is permitted. Veteran's emblems may be added, if space permits.
- D. No engravings or markings of any kind are permitted on any glass front niches other than the professional engraving handled by Blendon Township. Only family information is permitted...
- E. The cemetery has the right to remove any niche decoration deemed inappropriate.
- F. Wooden caskets are not permitted in the mausoleum.
- G. All openings and closings of crypts and niches shall be under the directions of a Blendon Township Trustee, or their designee, or the Township Cemetery Superintendent. Openings and closings should take place during cemetery business hours.

MARKERS AND MONUMENTS

- A. Gravesites allow a 12" strip of planted flowers at the front side of the headstone only. There shall be no trees of any kind permitted. Sites of four consecutive spaces or more may plant miniature shrubs or bushes between the headstones, except on the outside borders of the site. The selection of the shrubs

or bushes must be approved by the Cemetery Superintendent prior to planting. The Township Trustees reserve the right to trim, cut down, or remove any plantings on lots that encroach on adjacent lots due to roots, branches or other growth.

B. In order to facilitate cemetery maintenance, no fences, hedges, curbing or enclosures of any kind will be permitted. Placing of stone, limestone, wood chips, edging, wood border, etc. anywhere within the cemetery lot is prohibited.

C. In order to facilitate lot maintenance, lot owners may not place any size/type of free standing, illuminated cross, votive candle, and/or perpetual/memorial light or candle holder on any burial space. If the headstone has a base with a permanently attached holder or vase, the non-metal solar lights, perpetual candle, etc. must rest firmly in the holder. Shells, toys, wire arches, wooden trellises, globes, tripods, shepherd's hooks and other such objects are not permitted on any burial space. Metal solar lights and small shatterproof statues are permitted within 12" of the front of the headstone.

D. Glass and other non-shatterproof containers shall not be permitted in the cemetery. Thin plastic and clay pots less than 8" are not approved containers.

E. Silk flowers are permitted anytime of the year if you have a headstone with a base and a permanently attached holder/vase. Gravesites with headstone that do not have a base or a permanently attached holder/vase may have silk flowers placed only during the non-mowing season (October through February). They are to be placed within the 12" space in front of the headstone. Silk flower saddle arrangement (rests on top of the headstone) is permitted anytime of the year. Cemetery staff will dispose of any items deemed necessary.

F. Artificial arrangements, wreaths and grave blankets may be placed on gravesites during the winter months. Decorations remaining after March 15th will be removed and disposed of by cemetery personnel.

G. American Flags (only 12"x 18") can be placed in first 12" in front of the headstone. All flags follow the United States Code Title 4 Chapter 1- The Flag.

H. Permanent benches, chairs, and settees are permitted during the burial ceremony. Granite benches in place of a monument may be placed at the head of the grave. All designed bench plans must be approved by the Board of Trustees, or their designee or Cemetery Superintendent

I. In order to maintain a neat appearance throughout, cemetery personnel shall remove funeral designs and floral pieces as soon as they become unattractive, and assume no responsibility for their return. Unused cans, crockery, boxes, baskets, or watering pots left on graves or lots are considered detrimental to the appearance of the cemetery, and will also be removed from the graves and lots. The Township reserves the right to restrict unusual arrangements.

J. The Trustees reserve the right to deem what is practical in our cemetery and cannot be responsible for breakage of any items placed at gravesites. Visitors are discouraged from putting anything of sentimental and/or monetary value on the gravesite due to the possibility of vandalism, theft, or damage.

GENERAL

A. In order to maintain a high standard of care and service consistent with changing conditions, the Trustees reserve the right to change these rules at any time they deem necessary.

B. Blendon Township will use reasonable care in engaging competent and experienced cemetery employees and in seeing that the work is done with due care. However, it disclaims any responsibility or liability for accident or damage to headstones, vases, or monuments resulting from the ordinary hazards of cemetery work. In addition, it does not assume any liability for accident or damage to person or property due to defects of machinery, implements, tools, and equipment used in cemetery work.

C. The deed to a lot conveys only burial rights and the title to the land remains in the Township of Blendon.

D. Blendon Township shall assume NO responsibility for any marker, memorial, urn, shrub, grave decoration or planting being damaged in any way during the regular course of cemetery maintenance or due to subsequent burials or vandalism.

E. Mowing of the cemetery shall be restricted to cemetery personnel or their appointees. This includes but is not limited to filling and reseeding settled areas.

F. Although sod is permissible, the Township prefers a nursery be used for this purpose. The Township is not responsible for the sod failing to live.

G. Trustees shall have the right and duty to remove any portion of a tree or shrub on any lot that is deemed unattractive or becomes detrimental, dangerous, or inconvenient to adjacent lots or walks due to roots, branches, or other growth.

H. As much as may be practical, the cemetery will handle the planting of trees and shrubs in the landscaping and general background of the cemetery, but will not undertake plantings on individual lots.

VETERAN'S MARKERS

Veteran markers will be placed at the head of the grave if the marker will serve as the headstone. Markers serving as headstones will require the owner to purchase a granite backing and a foundation. If a headstone will be purchased the permanent marker shall be mounted to the back of the headstone at the expense of the owner. Veteran markers shall be the niche size marker if mounted on the back of the headstones. American flags will be placed on Veteran's Day and Memorial Day at the cemetery's expense.

FOOTMARKER

No foot markers are allowed in the Blendon Central Cemetery. Veteran foot markers installed prior to these regulations are permitted. The township may pay for the cost to move any veteran markers and attach them to the headstones.

FOUNDATIONS

A. All foundations shall be built by the cemetery. The deadline for submitting orders for foundations in the spring is April 15th and the deadline for the fall pouring is October 1st. The Township will never accept a verbal order for a foundation over the phone or in person. All foundation orders must be in writing from a memorial/headstone company to avoid errors. All lots and sites are to be verified by the person purchasing the monument prior to submitting a foundation order.

B. No plantings of any sort may take place without permission before the foundation and monument are permanently in place.

CRYPTS

Crypts are acceptable upon request and under the following conditions:

1. The size and type of the crypt requires prior approval of the Board of Trustees of Blendon Township.
2. Cemetery officials will determine the number of lots to be purchased to accommodate the size of the crypt.
3. Cemetery employees will not pour the foundation for crypts.
4. The Blendon Township Cemetery Superintendent has inspection and approval responsibilities over all construction activities involving the crypt.

GRAVESITE DIMENSIONS

The gravesite dimensions are fifty-two (52) inches wide and ten (10) feet long.

OWNERSHIP/TRANSFER OF TITLE

A. The deed holders are permitted to transfer or return ownership of lots back to the Township Trustees only. There is an Administration fee of \$50.00 to reprocess each gravesite and \$100.00 per crypt, niche, or columbaria. These sites cannot otherwise be sold.

PAYMENT

Visa, MasterCard and Discover Credit Cards are accepted for payment. All checks or money orders for fees or lots should be made payable to the Blendon Township Trustees and are to be deposited into the Township Cemetery Fund for the care and maintenance of Blendon Central Cemetery. This action is mandated by the Ohio Revised Code as these funds can only be used for this purpose.

FEES & PRICING

A schedule of fees and charges shall be available for inspection at the cemetery office and subject to amendment by the Trustee's of Blendon Township. There is a minimum of \$25.00 charge on returned checks.

Note: Any of the above schedules listed in this document can be modified as deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees of Blendon Township.

HOLDING
(\$50.00 non-refundable holding fee required)

Only one (1), 180 day hold on gravesites, crypts, niches or columbaria's will be honored.

Customer Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____ Last Hold Date: _____

Cemeterian Signature: _____ Gravesite(s) _____

BY ORDER OF THE BLENDON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Adopted: January 15, 2014

Attest: _____
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Janice D. Heichel, Chairperson

James F. Welch, Vice-Chairman

Stewart L. Flaherty, Trustee