

VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO. 1143

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL, MIAMI COUNTY,
OHIO SETTING FORTH THE RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE
PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1070**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Pleasant Hill has determined that the prior rules have proven to be inadequate:

WHEREAS, the Village desires to amend, update and standardize the policies and procedures regulating the Operation of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery;

WHEREAS, the Village desires to formalize its policies and procedures with respect to the cemetery operations and services provided by the Village; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village of Pleasant Hill, Miami County, Ohio. The Village of Pleasant Hill hereby enacts the following cemetery operation services by the Village.

SECTION ONE: That the fees and charges shall be as follows:

1. Cost for opening or closing a grave shall be charged as follows:
 - a. Regular Opening or Closing – Monday-Friday \$ 850.00
 - b. Regular Opening or Closing – Saturday \$1200.00
 - c. Baby Grave Opening or Closing – Monday-Friday \$50.00
 - d. Baby Grave Opening or Closing – Saturday \$50.00
 - e. Ashes Opening and Closing – Monday-Friday \$ 350.00
 - f. Ashes Opening and Closing – Saturday \$ 550.00
 - g. If Grave Side Memorial Service begins after 3:00pm, a \$200.00 fee will be added to the above listed charges.
2. Sale of Graves:
 - a. Grave \$ 550.00
 - b. Transfers \$ 75.00
3. Bases:
 - a. The price per cubic foot of poured foundation \$ 22.00
 - b. The price per cubic foot of poured foundation over a double grave
Time and Material
 - c. Replacement/Repair of Existing Bases Time and Material
4. Disinterment:
 - a. Disinterment charge does not include the opening or closing of the grave and does not include charge for the vault. \$2500.00
5. Moving existing Ledger Stones \$100.00

SECTION TWO: Rules & Regulations:

1. Cemetery personnel must be notified by 12:00 p.m. Friday for a burial on the following Monday.
2. No burials shall be scheduled on Sundays, or Holidays recognized by the Village of Pleasant Hill as employee holidays.
3. Cemetery personnel shall include those persons(s) who the Village Council shall designate to maintain or operate the cemetery.
4. All foundations must be constructed by cemetery personnel. Foundation orders for spring pour must be in by March 31st and fall pour by September 1st of each year.
5. All vaults must be inspected by cemetery personnel to determine whether the vault is adequately constructed to support the fill and cemetery equipment.
6. For lots sold subsequent to passage of this ordinance. there shall be limited to one adult body in a horizontal position: or two infant bodies; or one infant body or one adult body and one cremated remains; or two cremated remains per grave.
7. Funeral directors must supply a lot and grave number for each burial. Pleasant Hill Cemetery assumes no responsibility for errors due to incorrect information.
8. Under no circumstance will multiple burials be permitted if it requires removal of a prior burial.
9. All burials, with the exception of cremation, require a concrete vault.
10. From the passage date of this ordinance, ledger stones (full grave coverings) will not be permitted.
11. No Wilber Way type burials.
12. Monuments, memorial stones, grave markers, and saddles are not the property of the cemetery, their maintenance and repair are the responsibility of the lot owner and heirs. Monuments can be insured against damage by insurance policies taken out with the owners' insurance company.
13. Prior to the burial, the cost for the opening and closing of the grave must be paid in full. The additional charge for a grave side memorial service that begins after 3:00 p.m. may be charged after the burial.

SECTION THREE: Hours of operation for the cemetery shall be according to the following schedule:

1. Disinterment – Monday-Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm
2. Burials – Monday-Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm, Saturday 8:00am to 12:00pm.
3. Visitors – Sunday-Saturday 6:00am to 9:00pm
4. No burials shall be scheduled on Sunday or Holidays

SECTION FOUR: The following characteristic duties and responsibilities shall be enforceable for the cemetery caretaking.

1. No person shall be permitted to plant trees, shrubs, flowers, or any vegetation on cemetery grounds without the written consent of the cemetery personnel. Any existing shrubs, trees or flowers that are overgrown, unsightly or interfere with any lot as determined by the cemetery personnel, will be removed.
2. No dumping of refuse, trees, tree limbs, grass clippings, flowers, mulch, shrubs, concrete, asphalt, rock, or dirt is permitted.
3. No person shall be permitted to place borders around any monument or grave.
4. The grave name shall be clearly marked on all grave decorations.
5. No glass containers are permitted on the cemetery grounds.
6. Funeral flowers and decorations shall be removed one week after the funeral.
7. Any unkempt decorations, as determined by the cemetery personnel will be removed and discarded by the cemetery personnel.
8. Artificial flowers and potted plants shall be permitted one week prior to Memorial Day and one week following, after which time such flowers and plants shall be removed. All decorations shall be placed on the monument(s), or lawn, not placed into the soil.
9. Cemetery clean-up will be March 15th of each year. Cemetery personnel will remove any and all decorations that interfere with the efficient grounds keeping of the cemetery. The cemetery personnel will continue to remove decorations that interfere with the efficient grounds keeping during the mowing season, April to October.
10. Artificial wreaths, crosses, ornaments, and designs shall be permitted after November 20th and shall be removed by March 15th of the following year.
11. Statuary or a decoration other than floral that is not part of the monument design, benches, baskets, crockery, glass, wire, wrought iron, and metal receptacles, wood chips, marble chips, windsocks and other items detrimental to the appearance of the cemetery are not permitted and shall be removed without notice.
 - i) Veteran bronze markers are allowed.
 - ii) One single shepherd hook will be allowed per grave. Shepherd hooks must be abutted to the monument and not extending beyond foundation.
 - iii) One hanging plant or vigil light may be suspended from each hook.
 - iv) Any violation of this section will result in removal of the decoration in violation.
12. No All-Terrain Vehicle or snowmobiles are allowed on cemetery grounds.

SECTION FIVE: That Ordinance No. 1070 of the Village of Pleasant Hill, Miami County, Ohio is hereby repealed.

Passed this 8th day of May 2023.

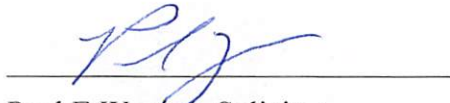


Judith F. Barga, Mayor



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Approved as to form:



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