

IRONWOOD RIVERSIDE CEMETERY-RULES AND REGULATIONS (2000)

INTRODUCTION

The City of Ironwood hereby establishes these rules and regulations for the purpose of insuring quality services in the Riverside Cemetery and for mutual protection of lot owners and the City. All lot owners and visitors within the Cemetery shall be subject to these rules and regulations. The City reserves the right to adopt additional rules or amend, alter or repeal any rule or regulation or parts thereof at any time.

The Cemetery is considered sacred ground. It is not a park or playground.

Approved December 11, 2000

GENERAL RULES

1. Vehicles are prohibited in Cemetery between sunset and sunrise. Vehicles must remain on roadways. Speed limit is 10 MPH. Washing vehicles within the Cemetery is a use inconsistent with respect for the dead, is a misappropriation of the City water supply and is prohibited.
2. Snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles are prohibited in the Cemetery.
3. Alcoholic beverages are not to be carried, or consumed on, Cemetery premises.
4. No firearm is to be discharged on cemetery property. This prohibition shall not apply to authorized funeral volleys at burial sites or to City employees in discharge of their duties.
5. Domestic animals are prohibited in the Cemetery.
6. Children under the age of fourteen (14) are not permitted within the Cemetery, or its buildings, unless accompanied by supervising adults.
7. Dumping is not allowed.

LOT OWNERSHIP

1. Description of all lots will be in accordance with the Cemetery Maps which is kept on file in the City Clerk's office.
2. Sales of Cemetery lots shall be handled by the City Clerk's Office. Before any burial is made in a lot, complete payment for the lot must be made to the City.
3. Lot sales shall be in accordance with the current price schedule.
4. Perpetual care (future care) will be charged in accordance with the current price schedule at the time the next grave opening is made for all grave spaces and family lots on which full current charges for future charges have not been previously paid.
5. Resident charges will apply if the deceased has maintained his/her principal residence in the City of Ironwood:
 - a. For one (1) year immediately preceding death or,
 - b. For one (1) year immediately prior to residence in an out-of-city hospital, nursing home or other health care facility required due to health reasons.
6. All burials (except cremated remains) must be in a concrete grave box or vault.
7. The City will take reasonable precautions to protect lot owners and the property rights of lot owners from loss or danger, but the City disclaims all responsibility for loss or damages from causes beyond its reasonable control.

8. The deed issued by the Clerk and a copy of these Rules and Regulations shall constitute the agreement between the City and lot owner.
9. No lot shall be used for any other purpose than burial of the human dead.
10. In transactions involving the transfer of lots or portions of lots, all burial right transfers must be recorded with the City Clerk's office. The City will not recognize as lot or space owners, persons whose names are not recorded. Only flat flush markers are allowed on any space involving lot transfers.

CARE OF LOTS

1. Grave decoration is permitted between May 1st and ten days after Labor Day. Flowers, including artificial flowers, are allowed if in a container (no glass jars or metal coffee cans) with a total weight of less than 35 pounds. Grave decorations, including flowers, vigil lights, statues, etc., must be removed by the 10th day after Labor Day.
2. The planting of flowers, shrubs, trees and other vegetation except grass, and when the existing plantings are no longer maintained or overgrown they will be removed. Placing of fences are prohibited. Arrangements for planting memorial trees may be made with the City Clerk.
3. Placing of decorative rock, wood chips and other such decorative materials is prohibited.
4. All unauthorized planting or materials may be removed by the Sexton.
5. The City shall not be responsible for floral decorations, shrubs, trees, or monuments damaged by the elements, vandals, thieves or by other causes beyond its control.

FUNERALS AND INTERMENTS

1. The Cemetery will be open for interments year-round. Burials in winter months (December, January, and February) will be at the city's discretion, depending on weather or availability of manpower and city equipment.
2. Notice of funerals shall be given at least twenty-four (24) working hours in advance to the City Manager or his/her agent. No interment shall take place without a Burial Permit which shall be presented by the Funeral Director upon arrival at the Cemetery. Orders received from Funeral Directors for the opening of graves will be construed as orders from the lot owners.
3. Funeral Directors making arrangements for burials shall be responsible for all interment charges.

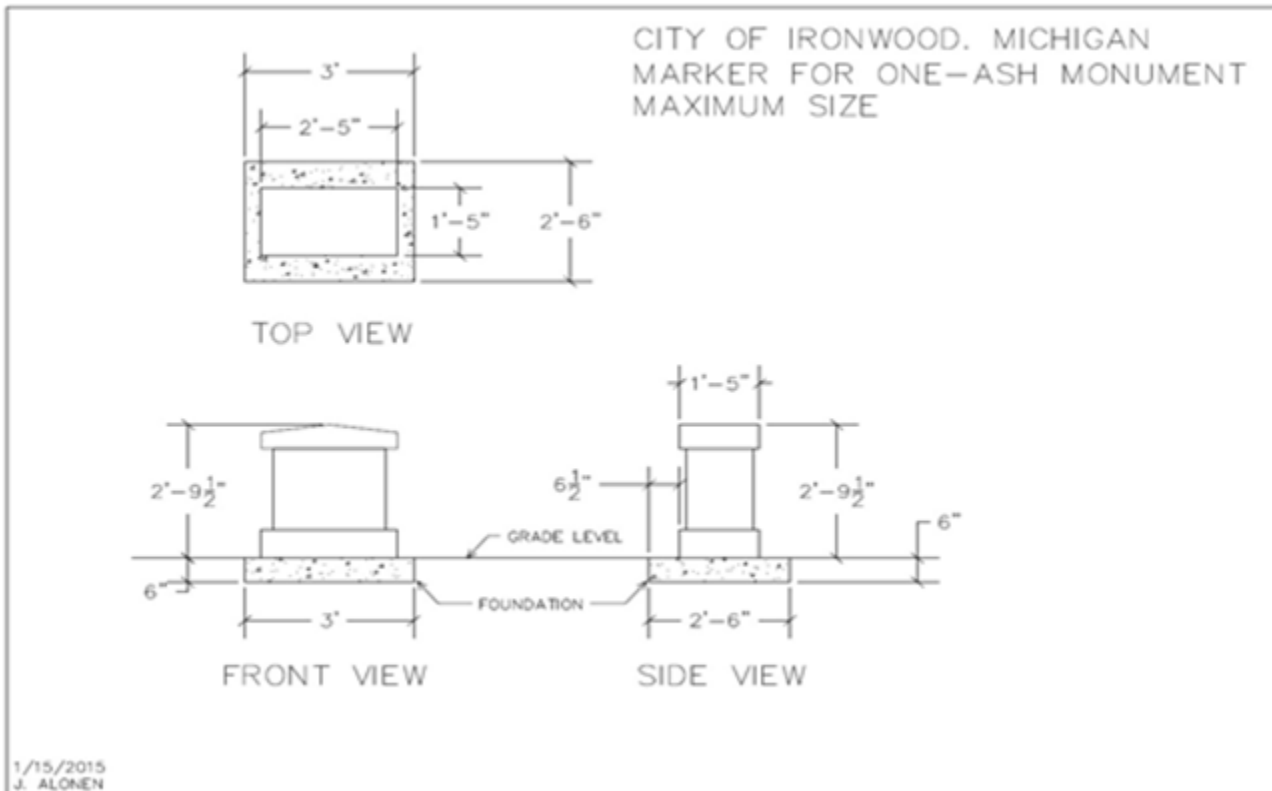
4. No interment of two (2) or more bodies shall be made in one (1) grave, except that of the bodies of a adult and child under one (1) year may be buried in a single grave or two (2) children under the age of one (1) year of the same parents, may be buried in a single grave.
5. For any lots purchased prior to the adoption of this ordinance, being December 11, 2000, six (6) containers of cremated remains may be buried in a grave that does not and will not contain a body. Thereafter, three (3) containers of cremated remains may be buried in a grave that does not and will not contain a body. No more than three (3) containers of cremated remains may be buried in one (1) grave, which may also contain one (1) previously interred body. Two (2) containers of remains may be buried in advance of a subsequent body interment. Unauthorized burial of ashes is prohibited. All burials must be made by the sexton and recorded in the City Clerk's Office.
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7. Lot owners shall not allow interments in their lots in return for remuneration of any kind.
8. On entering the Cemetery, all funerals shall be under the charge of the Cemetery Sexton.
9. No interment of three (3) or more containers of cremated remains shall be made in one (1) above

DISINTERMENTS

1. Disinterment of a body, once properly interred, shall not be made without a properly executed disinterment permit. A grave, which must be opened for inspection for any official investigation shall require an order signed by a court of competent jurisdiction.
2. Disinterment of cremated remains should be done only upon the authorization of the city clerk and the next of kin (wife, husband, mother, father, or by all daughters, sons, sisters or brothers).
3. The Cemetery Sexton and the employees of the Cemetery are the only persons who will be permitted to open graves with the following exceptions:
 - a. When a disinterment is directed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction and a certified copy of such order has been filed with the City.
 - b. When the medical examiner directs the disinterment for the purpose of holding an inquest and has filed with the City his signed authorization to release the body to himself and his lawful agents. In such case the disinterment must be made by the medical examiner or his lawful agents. Cemetery employees will not be permitted to assist the medical examiner or his agents.

MONUMENTS, FLUSH MARKERS OR INDIVIDUAL GRAVE MARKERS.

1. Plans, specifications and locations of markers or monuments, flush markers or individual grave markers in the cemetery are subject to approval of the Sexton.
2. For the protection of all lot owners, it is necessary that persons erecting, cleaning or repairing monument, flush markers or individual grave markers obtain a permit at the City Clerk's office and present the permit to the Sexton and, in doing such work, comply with the reasonable directions of the Cemetery Sexton.
3. No more than one (1) monument that extends above surface of the ground may be placed on a lot. There may be one (1) flush marker for each interment in multiple burial space. Monuments shall be erected as near the center of the head end of the lot as practicable, with but one (1) monument to a lot, and under the control, direction and supervision of the Cemetery Sexton. Placement of monuments, flush markers, individual grave markers or foundations will not be allowed on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday unless authorized by the Cemetery Sexton.
5. All monuments and flush markers shall be constructed of standard bronze, granite or marble, of no artificial or nonperishable material, and cannot be of sandstone, limestone or soapstone bases. If a lot owner does not erect a family monument, the owner may erect an individual grave marker for each space. Maximum dimensions for monuments, flush markers, or individual grave markers are shown in the attached drawings.
6. All foot markers installed shall be installed flush with the ground.
7. No mounds are to be erected on lots or graves, which will interfere with the free use of a lawnmower.
8. All above ground columbaria (ash crypts) must be in Block 46, lots 66-72 and shall be constructed of standard bronze, granite or marble, of no artificial or nonperishable material, and cannot be of sandstone, limestone or soapstone bases. Maximum dimensions for above ground columbaria are shown below:



ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The City is empowered to enforce all Rules and Regulations and to exclude from the Cemetery any person violating the same. The City shall have charge of the grounds and buildings including the conduct of funerals, traffic, employees, lot owners and visitors and at all times shall have supervision and control of all persons in the Cemetery.

(In addition to the above provision, any violation of the rules or regulations issued pursuant thereof, every person convicted of a violation of any provision adopted or issued shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and costs of prosecution or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both such fine and imprisonment.)

PLEASE NOTE: Cemetery maps can be viewed on the City of Ironwood website at the following link: <https://www.keepandshare.com/doc9/12102/riverside-cemetery-maps-w-links-pdf-1-2-meg?da=y>