

# Oak Grove Cemetery Ordinances

## MAINTENANCE OF GRAVE LOTS 91.09

(A) Fences, hedges, posts, decorative stone, mulch, glass objects of any kind, solar powered lights, wind socks, pin wheels, mailboxes, stepping stones and enclosures of any kind around graves and lots are prohibited.

(B) Grave blankets shall be allowed from November 1 to March 1. After March 1, the city has the right to remove any grave blankets remaining. Cut, artificial, and/or potted flowers must be in an urn suitable for containing flowers and shall be placed on either side of the monument or headstone but not on the grave or in the walkway so that it will not impede mowing or maintenance. No glass containers or glass items of any kind will be permitted around graves.

(C) Flags may be displayed at graves on holidays but must be removed within one week.

(D) Sod shall not be removed from the tops of the graves.

(E) Trees, shrubbery, rose bushes and vines are prohibited on lots and graves. No Trees or shrubbery will be planted in the Cemetery except by the City.

(F) Private plantings must be maintained or be subject to removal by the city.

(G) No *ADDITIONAL* graveside benches will be permitted in Oak Grove after 6-15-2016. Existing benches may remain and are encouraged to be placed in a position that promotes ease of maintenance of gravesites.

## DESTROYING OR CUTTING SHRUBBERY 91.15

No person shall cut down, hack, injure, or destroy any shrub, plant, vine, or tree within the limits of the cemetery except by permission of the Public Works Director or the arborist, and then only under the personal supervision of a city employee.



## DEFACING MONUMENTS; BREAKING FENCES OR GATES 91.08

(A) No person shall mark, stain, deface, displace, or in any manner remove or injure any monument, mound, or mark, whether the same is composed of stone, marble, wood, or other material, placed at any grave or on any lot, walk, border, or drive within the cemetery.

(B) No person shall break open the gate to the enclosure of the cemetery or break or injure the fence to such cemetery in any manner, or kindle any fire within such enclosure.

## DRIVING OVER GROUNDS 91.10

No person shall ride or drive any vehicles in or upon any part of any city cemetery other than the drives, except by permission and with the personal direction of cemetery personnel.

## PETS PROHIBITED 91.11.

No pets shall be permitted in Oak Grove Cemetery unless being utilized specifically as a service animal.

## SPEED LIMIT ESTABLISHED 91.12

The speed limit on all drives in Oak Grove Cemetery is ten miles per hour.

## MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERY 91.13

(A) Oak Grove Cemetery shall be under the control of the Public Works Director. He or she shall maintain the drives and fences and keep in generally good condition all burial lots and grassed areas.

(B) The City's Arborist shall be responsible for planting and maintaining any and all trees.

## CEMETERY HOURS OPEN TO PUBLIC 91.16

The Cemetery is open to the public is 1/2 hour before sunrise & 1/2 hour after sunset.

## PENALTY 91.99

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each day's continued violation shall be a separate offense.

City of Bowling Green, Ohio

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### VAULT REGULATIONS AND CREMATION URNS 91.06

(A) *Vault regulations.* In order to minimize the cost of maintenance of the graves in Oak Grove Cemetery, the following vault regulations are established.

(1) Wood vaults are prohibited.  
(2) Acceptable vaults shall be made of concrete, steel, or material acceptable to the Public Works Director.

(B) *Cremation urns.*

(1) Cremation urns must be made of metal, fiberglass, ceramic or a material acceptable by the Public Works Director. No cardboard boxes or wood containers will be allowed.

(2) Two cremation burials will be permitted in a single grave area. Additional such burials may be allowed in special cases with permission obtained from the Public Works Director.

### SPECIFICATIONS FOR MONUMENTS, HEADSTONES, AND FOOTSTONES 91.07

(A) Monuments, headstones, and footstones are to be made of granite, marble, or bronze. Bronze tablets must be fastened on durable stone. Wood, plaster of paris, concrete, sandstone, and similar materials will not be permitted in monuments, headstones, and footstones. Total height of new monuments/ headstone (grass line to top of monument) shall not exceed 36". Any violation may result in the City issuing an 'order to remove' item at the expense of the installer/owner.

(B) The width of monuments, headstones, and footstones shall not exceed 24 inches for single graves and 48 inches for double graves.

*Maximum width dimensions:*

*Single: 24" headstone / 32" base / 40" foundation*

*Double: 48" headstone / 60" base / 68" foundation*

(C) Family plots may have a family monument of a size that will not interfere with burials.

(D) Foundations shall be constructed of concrete and extend 4 inches on each side of the monument or headstone. Depth shall be 30 inches. All foundations will be installed / constructed by the Public Works Department.

## Oak Grove Cemetery Fees

### Grave Lot Sales

#### RATES FOR GRAVE LOT PURCHASES; ADDITIONAL FEES 91.03 (A):

**Adult Grave Lot:**  
Resident.....\$325  
Non-Resident.....\$850

**Infant Grave Lot:**  
Resident.....\$150  
Non-Resident..... \$250

### Interment / Burial Fees

**Adult Interment:**  
Resident.....\$600  
Non-Resident.....\$800

**Infant Interment:**  
Resident.....\$200  
Non-Resident.....\$300

**Adult Interment weekend:**  
Resident.....\$800  
Non-Resident.....\$1000

**Infant Interment weekend:**  
Resident.....\$400  
Non-Resident.....\$500

**Adult Interment holiday:**  
Resident.....\$1000  
Non-Resident.....\$1200

**Infant Interment holiday:**  
Resident.....\$600  
Non-Resident.....\$700

### Cremation Interment Fees

**Cremation Interment:**  
Resident.....\$200  
Non-Resident.....\$300

**Weekend Interment:**  
Resident.....\$400  
Non-Resident.....\$500

**Holiday Interment:**  
Resident.....\$500  
Non-Resident.....\$600

## Oak Grove Cemetery Ordinances

### Disinterment / Reburials Fees

**Adult Disinterment/Reburying:**  
Resident.....\$1800  
Non-Resident.....\$1800

**Infant Disinterment /Reburying:**  
Resident.....\$1200  
Non-Resident.....\$1200

#### RATES FOR GRAVE LOT PURCHASES; ADDITIONAL FEES 91.03 (cont'd)

(B) In addition to the rates in part (A), Footers/ Foundations will be provided in (2) sizes for a fee:

Footer A (single grave) 40" W, 22" D, 30"H: \$350 or

Footer B (double grave) 68" W, 22" D, 30"H: \$550

(C) There shall be an additional \$100 per hour fee (min 1 hr charge) for any funeral entering the cemetery after 2:00 pm.

(D) For the purpose of the rates and charges set forth in this section, a 'resident' shall be defined as being legally domiciled in the City of Bowling Green corporation limits on the date of death. Proof of residency required.

#### INTERMENT ON HOLIDAY 91.04

There shall be no burials on Thanksgiving or Christmas Day unless required by religious guidelines for immediate interment. There shall be no burials until after 2:00 p.m. on Memorial Day.

#### GRAVE LOT DEEDS 91.05

(A) Purchasers of grave lots shall receive a deed entitling them to use of the lots for burial of the dead, subject to all regulations relating to Oak Grove Cemetery, the ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, and the laws of the State of Ohio.

(B) Upon the death of the holder or part-holder of the lot, the rights to the lot will descend to his or her heirs in equal shares in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

(C) Lots cannot be sold once purchased, except back to the city at the original purchase price. The city reserves the right of refusal to repurchase.