

**GRANDVIEW MEMORIAL CEMETERY**  
**Ravenna Township, Portage County, Ohio**  
**Rules and Regulations**

January 30, 2018

In accordance with ORC 517.06 and ORC 517-11 and **Resolution #18-020**, the following rules and regulations are adopted **effective January 30, 2018**:

1. Funeral Directors must give 48 hours' notice for all burials.
2. Grave purchase fees and opening and closing fees must be paid prior to burial by certified check payable to Ravenna Township.
3. Saturday burials must be started before 12:00 (noon) and must be completed by 2:00 PM. Weekday burials must be completed by 2:00 PM. (8/11/20, Res#20-093)
4. Any outer burial receptacle which exceeds 50 inches in length shall be constructed of reinforced concrete, metal, or other similar permanent material commonly accepted for burial purposes. The composition and design shall be subject to the approval of the cemetery superintendent.
5. All monuments and markers shall be produced only by a commercial vendor and must be flush with the ground.
6. Any non-resident claiming rights as a resident shall be required to deposit the non-resident fee with the Township Fiscal Officer after which the Trustees shall decide the issue involved.
7. Improvements of lots by private parties shall be done only with the consent of the Sexton or party in charge.
8. No lots shall be thrown up or raised above surrounding lots.
9. Lot enclosures of any kind are prohibited.
10. No planting of trees or shrubs or any plants that impede maintenance of the cemetery grounds. Trustees shall have the right to remove such items.
11. If any monument, effigy or enclosure, or any structure whatsoever, or any inscription placed in or upon any lot shall be determined by the Trustees to be injurious offensive,

or improper to the surrounding lots or grounds, the Trustees shall have the right, and it shall be their duty, to remove same.

12. Any person defacing a stone or monument, causing injury to any tree or shrub, shall be prosecuted in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.
13. No animal burials will be permitted with the resident and non-resident burials. Animal burials will be permitted in special designated area.
14. Cemetery lots may be sold to another individual by the owner and the Township must be provided a notarized bill of sale that is recorded with the Portage County Recorder.
15. In the case of interment errors, pursuant to Section 517.23 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Township has the right to disinter a deceased person to correct an interment error. Owners and purchasers acknowledge on behalf of themselves, their heirs, successors, and assigns that the Township has the right to correct any errors that involve the interment of a deceased person. Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code and Township policy, notice of the actions to be taken by the Township will be provided to the decedent's last known kin prior to the correction.
16. The funeral director or funeral home, which arranges for opening and/or purchase of a grave, will pay for both the grave and the opening and closing fees.
17. All disinterment's and reinterment's are subject to all State, County Health Department and Township requirements.
18. Any person making application for the disinterment or reinterment permit accepts all responsibility of the payment of such disinterment/reinternment. Any vault company charges shall be paid by the applicant.
19. All spring and summer decorations must be removed from graves by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
20. All Christmas decorations must be removed from graves by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
21. Regular grave can hold a casket plus two cremains, or three cremains
22. Cremains grave can hold no more than two cremains

23. As prohibited by law, the Township will accept no prepayment on any services or items beyond the presale of plots. (2/13/18, Res#18-029).
24. If there is an opening and closing of a single grave or mausoleum spot for the placement of cremains of more than one individual, only one opening/closing fee will be charged. (8/14/18, Res#18-116).
25. No burials will take place with non-township employees or township employees getting into the grave without proper safety equipment in place. (8/14/18, Res#18-117).