

**REMINGTON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION  
RULES AND REGULATIONS  
BABCOCK CEMETERY**

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Note: Remington Cemetery Association abbreviated as (RCA)

### **Section 1: Statement of Policy**

The following rules and regulations were developed, by the Remington Cemetery Association (RCA), to assure proper guidelines in operations, maintenance and regulations for the benefit of all interested Lot owners both present and future. Persons of all denominations of all religions, sex, creeds, and races, shall be allowed to be buried in the Babcock Cemetery with family ties to past and present residents of the Township of Remington. WI State Statutes s.157.00 governs the construction, management, operations and platting of a cemetery.

### **Section 2: Authority**

RCA was appointed and developed in 1913 by the Town of Remington board to operate, maintain and develop the Town of Remington Cemetery hereby known as the Babcock Cemetery. The board of five (5) elected officials, known as the Board of Trustee, has the authority to govern the daily operations pursuant to 157.50 Wis. Statutes of said Cemetery.

### **Section 3: Owners and Visitors Responsibilities**

- a) Lot Owners are responsible for arranging the delivery and setting of grave monuments/markers within 1 year of burial in the grave plot, with an approved private contractor. Lot Owner will be responsible for all maintenance of marker, monuments and foundations.
- b) Owners and visitors will follow the guidelines set forth in Section 9 of this document as to the decoration placement and lot maintenance, along with Section 12 regarding conduct on premises.
- c) Volunteers are requested to help with the annual Spring and Fall clean up of the Babcock Cemetery, in May and September each year. At that time all items, that are in violation of the rules and regulations will be removed and the grounds cleaned up where needed.

### **Section 4: Cemetery Association Responsibilities**

- a) RCA is responsible for the monitoring and enforcement of cemetery rules and regulations.
- b) RCA will record and maintain all cemetery records as to lot sales and recording of deeded lots, keep up to date records on interments, with full detail of who when and where the interment of a lot has taken place.
- c) Sale of all lots will be processed through the RCA and the preparation of the grave sites interment.
- d) General care and maintenance of the grounds, roads as well as trimming and removing neglected trees, shrubs and non-conforming articles on grave sites. Per WI Statue 157.11

### **Section 5: Sale of Lots**

- a) All plotted grave spaces will be sold on a first come first serve basis for the residents of the town of Remington and or relatives past present and future.
- b) Payment in full will be required at the time of the sale, whereas a deed shall be written and recorded at the Wood County Register of Deeds, with the proper reimbursement for the recording fees.
- c) Lot owners are encouraged to designate where on their lot an interment is to be placed.
- d) Ownership of the cemetery lot shall descend to the owner's heirs: but any one or more such heirs may convey to another heir his or her interest in the cemetery lot under WI Statutes 157.19.

## **Section 6: Lot Ownership Transfers**

a) In all cases where a lot, or any part of a lot is transferred from one owner to another, a properly executed deed must be presented to the RCA for recording before an interment can be made by the new owner.

b) The RCA will record in records, a properly executed deed per WI Statute 157.10 (2) the deed transfer of the grantors interest in the property. If an estate is involved with the transfer a properly executed and recorded "affidavit for transfer of property" will be furnished to the RCA.

## **Section 7: Perpetual Care**

a) Perpetual care is included with the purchase of all cemetery lots and will be deposited in a separate account. The amount will be determined at each annual meeting of the RCA Annual Meeting held in July of each calendar year.

b) Perpetual care does not include repair or replacement of marker or monuments. Perpetual care services performed by the RCA include grass mowing and trimming, road maintenance, and leveling and re-seeding of sunken graves.

## **Section 8: Interments**

a) To open a grave, the person ordering the action must contact the RCA Sexton with the request and allow at least 48 hours of notice before interment between May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, or 72 hours of notice between November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>. If these terms cannot be met the extra charges will be incurred by the requester.

b) No interments shall be allowed until the Lot has been marked by the Sexton, plotting fee, perpetual care and opening and closing costs have been paid. **All graves will be prepared by the Sexton** per WI State Statues 157.111. Exception: A written request for a variance to the RCA for other family members to execute the digging. A written approval from the RCA Board of Trustees must be in hand, at the time of burial with the Sexton present. Non approved burials are in violation of WI State Statue 157.111 and will be prosecuted and full payment of burial fees are payable in full to RCA.

c) Only human remains shall be buried in a plot of the Babcock Cemetery and will be the remains of the one having ownership or written permission of Lot owner to be buried in their lot

d) Interment of two bodies on one plot is allowed per the following: there be one full casket interment with a cremation or two cremations, with the identity of both interments be identified on the grave marker or monument. Markers and monuments will follow the RCA rules as to placement. No one is allowed to set a marker or monument unless it is a licensed commercial stone company. Exceptions: will be considered by the RCA upon receipt of a formal written request for approval before setting stone.

e) All burials except cremations must be in a steel or concrete vault. Skilled vault operators must be provided for the handling and sealing of the vault and supervised by the RCA Sexton. Cremation must be placed in a non-biodegradable container or if container is degradable, a sealed steel or concrete vault will be required. Any variance to this must be submitted and approved by the RCA prior to interment.

### **Section 9: Decorating Grave Sites**

No trees are allowed to be planted. Shrubs may be planted on the North or South ends of the monument and will not encroach upon other owners lot in any direction or the RCA has the right to remove them. It is the lot owners responsibility to maintain said shrubs. For mowing purposes other items such as flowers, urns or other items of approved decoration must also be placed on the sides of the monument if placed on or in the ground. All hanging items such as a Shepard hooks will be allowed and placed next to the concrete platform of the monument, but placed so as to not encroach on the mowed area around the monument. Flowers and other appropriate decorations must be maintained by Lot owner and removed if they become faded or in disrepair. RCA reserves the right to remove any item in disrepair, undesirable or offensive.

### **Section 10: Rules Governing Veterans Grave Sites**

a) A veteran may be interred in any section of said cemetery, as long as they had served in one of the Armed Services of the United States, and meet one of the following conditions: the veteran was a resident of the Town of Remington for at least 60 days before or after his time served in the Armed Forces of the United States. A veteran killed in action, may be buried with immediate family members who own a Lot prior to the veterans death in the Babcock Cemetery regardless of residency.

b) All veteran dedication plaques shall be placed at the foot of the grave upon a concrete platform that is level with the ground or placed on the back or on top of a monument or marker.

### **Section 11: Cemetery Rates and Extra Services**

a) Cemetery rates for lot sales and services are addressed at the annual (RCA) meeting typically held in the month of July of each calendar year. A copy of the current rates and fees can be obtained from the RCA Board of Trustees. Extra Service charges will be identified on said list of rates.

### **Section 12: General Rules of Conduct on Cemetery Premises**

a) All persons, while on the cemetery premises will act with decorum and respect as the occasion on the premises demand.

b) During the progress of burial services all work in the immediate vicinity shall cease and quiet shall prevail.

c) Any person(s) who shall injure, destroy or deface any trees, shrubs, lawn, monuments, markers will be held accountable by law.

d) All vehicles will stay on roadways unless cemetery management so directs otherwise. No parking or driving on the grass areas is allowed unless so directed by Cemetery management.

e) All Contractors shall acquire permission of Sexton prior to any work or placements in the Cemetery and will be required to have on file in Town Clerks office a copy of the certificate of insurance as well as cleanup of all trash related to the project.

### **Final Statement:**

The Remington Cemetery Association (RCA) does hereby reserve the rights, at any time without notice to owners, adopt new rules and regulations or to amend alter and/or repeal any section, paragraph or sentence in these Rules and Regulations as they deem necessary. The RCA is not responsible for loss or damage of any articles or objects left in any part of the cemetery. Any objections to the adopted Rules and Regulations shall be submitted in writing to the RCA board of trustees, who are listed on the Town of Remington's website.

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Remington Cemetery Association creator and enforcer of the following approved rules and regulations – Dated: July 26 - 2022 - By the Board of Trustees as follows:

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