

CITY OF HURLEY

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

The City of Hurley hereby establishes these rules and regulations for the purpose of insuring quality services in the Hurley Cemetery and for the 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 of Hurley 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 by the Common Council
of the City of Hurley on October 9, 2001.
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GENERAL RULES

- (a) Vehicles are prohibited in the cemetery between sunset and sunrise. Vehicles must remain on roadways. Washing vehicles within the cemetery is a use inconsistent with respect for the dead, is a misappropriation of the city's water supply, and is strictly prohibited.
- (b) Snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles are prohibited in the cemetery.
- (c) Alcoholic beverages are not to be carried in or consumed on cemetery premises.
- (d) Domestic animals are prohibited in the cemetery.
- (e) Children under the age of sixteen (16) are not permitted on cemetery premises unless accompanied by a supervising adult.
- (f) No dumping or littering on cemetery grounds.

PURCHASE OF LOTS

- (a) The Common Council of the City of Hurley reserves the right from time to time to set a price schedule for all lots to be sold in the Hurley Cemetery as well as other fees relating to the cemetery, a copy of which is attached to this policy, and shall be on file with the City Clerk.
- (b) Persons desiring to purchase a lot in the Hurley Cemetery shall be referred to the City Clerk's Office.
- (c) Upon full payment of the purchase price of a lot(s), the City Clerk will issue a cemetery deed as evidence of ownership of said lot(s). The deed issued by the Clerk and a copy of these Rules and Regulations shall constitute the agreement between the City and the lot owner.
- (d) No transfer of any lot shall be valid until it has been officially registered with the City Clerk.

INTERMENTS

- (a) All interments shall be made in a concrete vault.
- (b) The City of Hurley Public Works Department shall have full charge of the opening and closing of all graves.
- (c) Notice of funerals shall be given in advance to the Public Works Department or the City Clerk's Office. No interment shall take place without a burial transit 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.

- (d) No interment of two (2) or more bodies shall be made in a single grave space, except that of the bodies of an adult and a 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.
- (e) A total of four (4) cremains may be buried in a single grave space that **does not** and **will not** contain a body.
- (f) A single grave space that **already** contains a body may also contain no more than two (2) cremains.
- (g) Unauthorized burial of ashes is prohibited. All burials must be made by the Public Works Department.
- (h) Spring burials will begin each year at the discretion of the Public Works Department.
- (i) Funeral directors must contact the Public Works Director to coordinate spring burials no later than May 1 each year.

DISINTERMENTS

- (a) Disinterment of a body, once properly interred, shall not be made without a properly executed disinterment permit. In addition, the cost for a grave opening will be charged.
- (b) A grave which must be opened for inspection for any official investigation shall require an order signed by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (c) Disinterment of cremated remains should be done only upon the authorization of the City Clerk and the next of kin (spouse, parent, or by all children or siblings).
- (d) The City of Hurley Public Works Department employees are the only persons who will be permitted to open graves with the following exceptions:
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. 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. The City's Public Works employees will not be permitted to assist the medical examiner or his agents.

MONUMENTS AND MARKERS

- (a) All monuments and markers shall be placed in a concrete or steel base and set only by a monument company.
- (b) No more than one headstone and one footstone will be allowed for each grave.
- (c) Footstones must be flush in the ground and no larger than 1' x 2'.
- (d) Monument sizes: Single-space lots: Not to exceed 2'6" or 30" in length; two-space lot: Not to exceed 5'0" or 60" in length.
- (e) A proper foundation under all stones is required. The foundation must be ground level with a minimum 6" border.
- (f) Foundations being placed in the spring or any new full burials must be approved by the city before the foundation can be placed.
- (g) Upright monuments will be allowed in the new Block 7.
- (h) The City of Hurley reserves the right to approve all monuments.
- (i) Temporary markers must be removed or replaced with a permanent marker within one year.
- (j) No benches allowed.
- (k) Construction of vaults and mausoleums is prohibited.

FLOWERS AND PLANTINGS

- (a) Graves may be decorated one week before Memorial Day and removed one week after Labor Day.
- (b) Flowers may be planted in the ground near the headstone.
- (c) Artificial flowers and plants must be placed in a proper bouquet holder.
- (d) Only one container of flowers is allowed per grave, near the headstone. If any basket of flowers is placed in the center of the grave, the plot will not be mowed.
- (e) The planting of trees, bushes, shrubs, and other vegetation, except grass, is prohibited.
- (f) No glass, clay, or ceramic planters are allowed.
- (g) The placing of decorative rock, wood chips, and other such decorative materials is prohibited.
- (h) Overgrown, unsightly, detrimental, or illegal plantings will be removed by the Public Works Department.
- (i) No unattended vigil lights, eternal flames, candles, or other similar contrivances will be permitted.
- (j) The City of Hurley is not responsible for the theft or damage to anything placed on the graves or lots.

CARE OF LOTS

- (a) Improvements within the grounds and upon lots are under the control and supervision of the City of Hurley Department of Public Works.
- (b) The City will be responsible for filling sunken graves and seeding.
- (c) The City will cut and trim grass and weeds, and rake leaves.
- (d) The City reserves the right to remove any trees, bushes, or other plantings that may be causing problems due to size or position.
- (e) The City reserves the right for its employees and others necessary to the performance of normal cemetery operations to enter upon or cross over any lot in the cemetery in the performance of such duties.
- (f) The City shall retain ownership of all aisles.
- (g) It is urged that lot owners interest themselves in the present and future care of their lots, as a single neglected lot mars the beauty of the entire cemetery.