

TOWN OF FARMINGTON CEMETERY BYLAWS/REGULATIONS

1. CEMETERY NAMES:

- FARMINGTON CEMETERY: W4295 COUNTY ROAD D MINDORO, LACROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
- WET COULEE CEMETERY: N7596 CHRISTIANSON ROAD MINDORO, LACROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
- BLACK OAK CEMETERY: N9219 PERKINS ROAD MINDORO, LACROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
- BURR OAK "METHODIST" CEMETERY: N9141 COUNTY ROAD C MINDORO, LACROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

2. GRAVE SIZE AND DEPTH:

ONE – GRAVE IS: 11 FEET X 4.5 FEET
GRAVE DEPTH: SHOULD AVERAGE 48" DEEP
CREMATION DEPTH: 18 INCHES DEEP

ONE GRAVE CAN HAVE:

1 FULL BURIAL

OR

1 FULL BURIAL AND 1 CREMATION

{THE ONE THAT DECEASES FIRST MUST BE A FULL BURIAL; IF THAT FIRST PERSON IS CREMATED THEN THE FAMILY MUST HOLD ON TO THE ASHES/URN UNTIL THE SECOND PERSON DIES}

OR

2 CREMATIONS

3. THE RIGHT OF PURCHASE:

TOWN OF FARMINGTON RESIDENTS MAY PURCHASE A GRAVE IN A TOWN CEMETERY FOR **\$400.00** PER GRAVE. PERSONS MUST OWN REAL ESTATE AND RESIDE IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON FOR TWO YEARS AND SHOW PROOF (PROPERTY TAX BILL) TO QUALIFY FOR THIS RATE.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON RENTERS MAY PURCHASE A GRAVE IN A TOWN CEMETERY FOR **\$400.00** PER GRAVE. PERSONS MUST BE RENTING FOR TWO YEARS AND SHOW PROOF (UTILITY BILL WITH A PHYSICAL ADDRESS) TO QUALIFY FOR THIS RATE.

PERSONS THAT LIVED HERE ALL THEIR LIFE THEN MOVED TO A NURSING HOME OR ASSISTED LIVING. PROOF OF LAST RESIDENCE IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON, PLUS PROOF OF WHAT NURSING HOME OR ASSISTED LIVING THEY (ARE OR WERE) LIVING IN. **\$400.00** PER GRAVE.

OUT OF TOWN PERSONS WILL BE CHARGED **\$1,000.00** PER GRAVE.

PERSONS THAT OWN LAND IN THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON BUT DON'T LIVE HERE **\$1,000.00** PER GRAVE.

NO GRAVE WILL BE "HELD" FOR PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS.

4. RIGHT OF INTERMENT:

NO PERSON SHALL BE PERMITTED TO MAKE INTERMENT ON THE CEMETERY UNTIL HE/SHE HAS PAID IN FULL THE PURCHASE PRICE OF A GRAVE.

THE BUYER CAN PAY IN CASH OR CHECK.

THE CHECK SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO: TOWN OF FARMINGTON

ALL PERSONS PURCHASING A GRAVE, UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT, RECEIVES A CEMETERY DEED AND SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF THESE BYLAWS/REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE CEMETERY. THE OWNER OF THE A GRAVE MUST AT ALL TIMES COMPLY WITH THE BYLAWS/REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO RETAIN HIS/HER RIGHT OF BURIAL AND HIS/HER OWNERSHIP.

5. SELLING OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR TITLE

NO OWNER OF A GRAVE SHALL BE PERMITTED AT ANY TIME TO SELL HIS/HER GRAVE OR TO TRANSFER HIS/HER TITLE OF OWNERSHIP TO ANOTHER PERSON, WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF THE CEMETERY MANAGER.

WHENEVER A TRANSFER IS MADE, IT MUST BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE BYLAWS/REGULATIONS. A TRANSFER DEED WILL BE MADE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. THE NEW OWNER WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE BYLAWS/REGULATIONS. A FEE OF **\$100.00** WILL BE CHARGED TO THE PERSON WHO WANTS TO MAKE THE TRANSFER. **THIS IS PAYABLE TO: TOWN OF FARMINGTON**

ANY OWNER DESIRING TO SELL HIS LAND IN A TOWN CEMETERY SHALL BE REQUIRED TO OFFER IT TO THE (TOWN BOARD -TOWN OF FARMINGTON) AT THE PURCHASE PRICE (HE OR SHE) PAID FOR IT, AND THE TOWN BOARD – TOWN OF FARMINGTON SHALL BE OBLIGATED TO PURCHASE THE SAME FOR SAID AMOUNT.

6. LOSS OF OWNERSHIP OR TITLE

IF THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF A GRAVE DIE AND USE ONLY PART OR NONE OF THE GROUND PURCHASED, OR DIE WITHOUT TRANSFERRING THE TITLE OF OWNERSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 5 OF THESE BYLAWS/REGULATIONS, THE GRAVE OR GRAVES OR THE UNOCCUPIED PORTION OF IT, REVERTS TO THE TOWN BOARD OF TOWN OF FARMINGTON AND MAY BE RESOLD BY THE CEMETERY MANAGER.

7. ON DIGGING THE GRAVES

THE CEMETERY MANAGER MUST BE INFORMED BEFORE ANY DIGGING OF ANY GRAVES; SO THAT THE CEMETERY MANAGER CAN RECORD AND DOCUMENT THE DESCENDANT’S INFORMATION. WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF THE CEMETERY MANAGER, NO PERSON SHALL BE PERMITTED TO DIG A GRAVE ON THE CEMETERY.

ALL GRAVES SHALL BE DUG BY SPECIFIED PERSON OR PERSONS. TOWN OF FARMINGTON DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST GRAVE DIGGERS. THIS IS A MATTER BETWEEN THE FAMILY AND FUNERAL DIRECTOR AS TO WHO IS HIRED. THE GRAVE DIGGER MUST DO A CLEAN JOB AND PUT BACK THE WAY HE/SHE SAW IT; OR THE GRAVE DIGGER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COME BACK AGAIN.

DECEASED WILL BE INTERRED WITH THE HEAD TOWARD THE WEST AND THE FEET TOWARD THE EAST. THERE SHALL BE ONE PERSON PER GRAVE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ASHES IN URNS; REFER BACK TO PARAGRAPH 2.

8. HEAD STONES / GRAVE MARKERS / UPKEEP

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BUYER OR THEIR FAMILY TO TAKE CARE OF THE THEIR HEAD STONE OR GRAVE MARKER.

NO FOOD, CLOTHING OR PERSONAL ITEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FLOWERS, ARE ALLOWED ON THE GRAVES FOLLOWING A FUNERAL, EXCEPT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CEMETERY MANAGER. ANY FLOWERS WHICH HAVE DIED WILL BE REMOVED BY THE CARETAKER IF NOT REMOVED BY THE FAMILY.

THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON WILL TAKE CARE OF THE UPKEEP AND CARE OF THE CEMETERIES.

THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON WILL ALSO HIRE A CEMETERY MANAGER TO KEEP PROPER RECORDS AND SELL GRAVES.

9. REGARDING THE BASE FOR MONUMENTS

NO MONUMENT CAN BE PLACED ON AN UNPAID GRAVE.

NO PERSON SHALL PLACE OR ERECT ANY MONUMENT, STONE OR MARKER OR CONSTRUCT ANY FOUNDATION, OR FORM, GRADE, OR DIG UP OR DEPOSIT ANY MATERIAL OF ANY KIND UPON ANY PORTION OF THE CEMETERY, EXCEPT BY THE CONSENT OR DIRECTION OF THE CEMETERY MANAGER. THE CEMETERY MANAGER WILL INSURE THAT ALL SPECIFICATIONS AND LOCATION ARE MET.

WHOEVER INSTALLS THE BASE SHALL SEE TO IT THAT THE GROUND AROUND THE BASE IS LEVEL WITH THE SURROUNDING GROUND. ALL NEW MONUMENTS ARE TO HAVE A HOLE PLACED IN THE BASE AT ONE SIDE FOR AN URN (FLOWER POT). ALL URNS (FLOWER POTS) MUST BE IN LINE WITH THE MONUMENTS, NOT IN THE CENTER OF THE GRAVE.

10. REGARDING GREENERY/ ETC...

NO PERSON SHALL PLANT ANY TREES OR SHRUBS OF ANY KIND IN THE CEMETERIES. AFTER JANUARY 1, 1992 THERE WILL BE NO PLANTING OF LIVE OR PLACEMENT OF ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS IN THE GROUND IN FRONT OF OR BESIDE THE MONUMENT.

11. RESERVED RIGHT

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE OR DROP ANY OF THESE BYLAWS/REGULATIONS AND TO ADD TO THEM. THE TOWN BOARD SHALL MAKE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROPER FOR THE OPERATION OF SAID CEMETERY AND THE CEMETERY MANAGER SHALL BE CONSULTED WITH RESPECT TO SUCH RULES AS MAY BE DESIGNATED.

12. NOTE:

THESE BYLAWS/REGULATIONS WERE PASSED ON JUNE 5, 2018 BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE CEMETERY MANAGER OR THE TOWN BOARD MEMBERS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE AT: www.townoffarmingtonlax.org.