

# **CITY OF NIAGARA CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following rules and regulations have been prepared as a guide to the use and management of the Niagara Cemetery. The rules and regulations will help protect all who have an interest here. All owners of interment rights, visitors, and others shall be subjected to said rules and regulations.

## General Rules and Regulations

1. Rules and regulations of the Niagara Cemetery and prices for burial lots/graves and other related services are made by the City of Niagara and become effective upon approval by the Common Council.
2. The Common Council may at any time adopt new rules and regulations or to amend, alter or repeal any rules or regulations it deems necessary. It has the exclusive right to make exceptions, or modifications to any of the rules and regulations.
3. The City of Niagara retains full and complete supervision, control and management of the land, buildings, improvements, roads, walkways and utilities for the Niagara Cemetery.
4. All graves in the Niagara Cemetery are sold in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Wisconsin and shall not be used for any other purpose than as a burial place for dead human beings. All lots sold include perpetual care.
5. All graves must be paid in full before a burial is made. A Cemetery Deed will be prepared once said grave purchase is paid in full.
6. Pets are not permitted within the Cemetery grounds.
7. Motorcycles, Golf Carts or ATVs / UTVs are not permitted within the Cemetery grounds.
8. Bringing of firearms into the Cemetery is prohibited, except by a military escort accompanying a veteran's funeral or attending a memorial service.
9. There shall be no trespassing within the Cemetery.
10. The City of Niagara resumes no liability for injuries to persons or property which occur on the Cemetery premises regardless of cause.

## Burial Rights

1. No owner shall plant any trees, shrubbery or plants that spread on any lot.
2. Any owner planting flowers or plants shall be responsible for the care of said flowers or plants. Such are permitted May 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Artificial flowers, planters and wreaths are permitted May 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>. Such are also permitted at Easter, Mother's Day and Christmas but must be removed within 10 days after said Holiday. Grave blankets are not allowed at anytime.

4. Natural flowers, casket sprays, and other decorations placed at a grave at the time of burial, will be removed on the third day following the burial.
5. Flowerbeds may be placed at the head of a grave in front of monuments or markers. Sod must be removed and edging shall be placed between the bed and the sod to assure that grass will not grow into the bed. Perennials must be cut to ground level.
6. Any owner who fertilizes, seeds or waters their lots causing the grass to grow faster than surrounding lots will be responsible for the extra mowing of their lots.
7. Monuments shall be erected in orderly rows facing East and West respectively. Cemetery personnel will not provide assistance or labor for the setting of monuments. Cemetery personnel shall assist in locating said graves for placement of monuments and/or markers.
8. All aboveground monuments shall be placed at the head of the grave and be set on a foundation which is 4” larger than the base of the monument.
9. Grass guards must be flush with the ground. They can only be installed in front of the monument, not more than one foot from the base of the monument.
10. Two hanging planters/baskets are permitted for each upright monument. The post shall be placed adjacent to the monument base and baskets shall be at least 24 inches above the ground.

#### Miscellaneous

1. Only one headstone is permitted per grave.
2. Only flat monuments (flush with the ground) are allowed as foot monuments.
3. When monuments, markers or other memorials are deemed unsafe due to deterioration, it is the responsibility of the lot owner to remove/replace them.
4. The City of Niagara is not responsible for any monument, marker or any type of memorial. The owner assumes all risks when placement occurs in the Niagara Cemetery. Owners are urged to check with their private insurance company for liability coverage under their homeowner’s policy.
5. If you desire to keep any decorations for future use, please have them removed by the spring and fall deadlines. Cemetery personnel will dispose of all decorations/planters not removed by October 15.

#### Prohibited Decorations

1. Decorative rocks or stones or any item which may be caught up, thrown by, or inhibit the mowing of grass, are not permitted on any graves or lots.
2. Metal stick vases, glass jars or bottles, stationary crosses, cans, styrofoam or paper mache’ ornaments are not permitted on any graves or lots.
3. Boxes, metal designs, chairs, benches or any objects made of wood, cement, glass, stone or similar materials are not permitted on any graves or lots.

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