

DEFINITIONS OF CEMETERY LOTS & BURIAL PLOTS:

1. A cemetery lot shall consist of burial plots sufficient to accommodate more than two burial plots.
2. A Burial plot shall consist of an area four (4) feet wide and eight (8) feet in length.

SALE OF LOTS OR BURIAL PLOTS:

1. A cemetery lot or burial plot shall be sold only to residents or taxpayers of the township for the purpose of the burial of such purchasers; his or her heirs at law; or next of kin. The Township Board, however, is granted the authority to vary the aforesaid restriction on sales where the purchaser discloses sufficient personal reason for burial within the township through previous residence in the township or relationship to persons interred therein. No sale shall be made to funeral directors or others than are heretofore set forth.
2. Burial rights may only be transferred to those persons eligible to be original purchasers of cemetery lots or burial plots within the township and may be affected only by endorsement of an assignment of such burial permit upon the original burial permit form issued by the Township Clerk. Upon such assignment, approval, and record, said Clerk shall issue a new burial permit to the assignee and shall cancel and terminate upon such records, the original permit thus assigned.
3. All purchasers of cemetery lots or burial plots shall be issued a deed specifying the location of the parcel purchased. Deeds will only be issued upon payment in full.

PURCHASE PRICE & TRANSFER FEES:

1. Each Burial plot shall cost the sum of \$400.00.
2. All payments shall be paid to the township clerk and shall be deposited in the cemetery fund.
3. The township board, by resolution, may periodically change the foregoing fees to accommodate increased costs for cemetery maintenance and land acquisition.
4. All site visits by Sexton will have a \$50.00 fee payment is at time of service and paid to sexton.
5. A deed transfer fee of \$25.00 for all cemetery deeds replace, transfer deed to a

current resident or taxpayer of the township. Loss deed will need to fill out form (Thompson Township Affidavit and Agreement Cemetery Re-Deed) can be found at thompstontownshipmi.com or contact the township clerk.

GRAVE OPENINGS & CLOSINGS

1. No burial spaces shall be open and closed except under the control of the cemetery sexton. This provision shall not apply to proceedings for the removal and re-interment of bodies and remains, which matters are under the supervision of the local health departments.
2. Not less than 4 days notice shall be given in advance of any time of any funeral to allow for opening of the burial spaces. Notify Sexton, Clerk & Supervisor, phone numbers can be found on website at thompstontownshipmi.com.

MARKERS ON MEMORIALS:

1. All stone or other markers or memorial must be equally durable composition.
2. Any large upright monument must be located upon a suitable foundation to maintain the monument in an erect position.
3. Only one monument, marker or memorial shall be permitted per burial space above ground. Footstones must be at ground level and must be located within the burial space.
4. Anyone other than a professional monument installer must have approval from the township board and have the site marked by the sexton. The footing or foundation, upon which any monument, marker, or memorial will be placed, shall be constructed of concrete and the cost borne by the owner.

INTERMENT REGULATIONS:

1. Only One person may be buried in a burial space except for a mother and infant. In the case of cremation burial, up to three persons may be buried in a burial space.
2. The appropriate permit for the burial space involved, shall be presented to the cemetery sexton prior to interment.
3. All graves shall be maintained in an orderly and neat appearing manner within the confines of the burial space involved.
4. No pets shall be buried in the cemetery.

VAULTS:

1. All burials shall be within a standard concrete vault installed in each burial space before interment.
2. Cremation burials do not require a vault.

GROUND MAINTENANCE:

1. No grading, leveling, or excavating upon a burial space shall be allowed without the permission of the cemetery sexton or the township clerk.
2. No flowers, shrubs, trees, or vegetation of any type shall be planted. Any of the foregoing items planted without such approval shall be removed by the township or the cemetery sexton and the cost to be borne by the owner of cemetery lot.
3. The Township Board reserves the right to remove or trim any trees, plants, or shrub located within the cemetery in the interest of maintaining proper appearance and the use of the cemetery.
4. Mounds or structures, trees, shrubs, etc., which hinder the free use of a lawn mower or other Gardening apparatus are prohibited.
5. The Township Board shall have the right and authority to remove and dispose of all growth, emblem, displays or containers therefore that though decay, deterioration, damage or otherwise become unsightly, source of litter, or a maintenance problem.
6. Surfaces other than earth or sod are prohibited.
7. All refuse of any kind or nature including, among others, dried flowers, wreaths, papers, and flower containers, must be removed and deposited in container location within the cemetery.

FORFEITURE OF VACANT CEMETERY LOTS OR BURIAL SPACES:

- A. Cemetery lots or burial spaces sold after April 8, 2024, and remaining vacant **FOR SIXTY (60) YEARS** or more from the date of their sale shall automatically revert to the township upon occurrence of the following events:
 1. Notice shall be sent by the township clerk by certified mail, return receipt requested, first class, postage prepaid, addressed to the last known owner of record informing said individual of the expiration of the SIXTY 60 year period, and that all rights

with respect to the lots or spaces shall be forfeited if he or she does not affirmatively respond in writing to the township clerk within 60 days from the date of mailing for the notice **REGARDING** his or her desire to retain the burial rights **AND;**

2. No written response to the above-reference notice stating the intent to retain the cemetery lots or burial spaces in question is received by the township clerk from the last owner or record of said lots or spaces, or his heirs or legal representative, within 60 days from the date of mailing of the notice.

REPURCHASE OR LOTS OR BURIAL SPACE:

The Township may repurchase any cemetery lot or burial space from the owner, for the original price paid the township, upon written request of said owner or his legal heirs or representatives and submitting proof of ownership.

RECORDS:

The Township Clerk shall maintain records concerning all cemetery matters.

THIS DOCUMENT SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ANY PERSON(S) PURCHASING A BURIAL PLOT OR CEMETERY LOT IN THE THOMPSON TOWNSHIP CEMETERY. THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED AND APPROVED AND APPROVED BY THE THOMPSON TOWNSHIP BOARD.

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING THE RULES AND REGULATION STIPULATED HEREIN, PLEASE CALL:

**Sara Plante - Thompson Township Clerk
906-440-3606**