

TOWNSHIP OF PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF IOSCO, MICHIGAN

Ordinance #18
ESMOND-EVERGREEN
CEMETERY

Revised April 2011

This policy is to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by establishing guidelines relating to the operation, control and management of the cemetery owned by the Township of Plainfield, Iosco County, Michigan.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. The cemetery will be used for the remains of human bodies only. The ownership of lots will remain with the Township and the Township reserves the right to enter upon any such lot to provide for its care and upkeep.
- B. Speed limit should not exceed ten miles per hour. *NO* vehicle traffic will be allowed during the nighttime hours.
- C. *NO* pets shall be allowed in the cemetery except within the confines of a vehicle.
- D. The Cemetery Board will designate the cremation sections.

UNLAWFUL ACTS:

- A. The owner of any burial space will not allow interment to be made for the purpose of profit.
- B. *NO* person will be allow to deface, injure, disturb, mark or write on any marker, monument or headstone, except when the work is done to improve or stabilize these objects.
- C. *NO* person shall create any improper noise, disorderly conduct, carelessness, or any other activity which tends to destroy the peace, tranquility and attractive of the cemetery and its sacred devotion to the interment and respect of the dead.
- D. *NO* parking of any vehicle except for cemetery visitation.
- E. *NO* hunting, skiing, sledding, or camping shall be allowed at any time.

MANAGEMENT:

- A. The cemetery Board shall consist of the Township Clerk, the Sexton, and Three (3) residents, appointed by the Supervisor the terms will be for a period of 2 years.
- B. The sexton will be responsible for all grave openings and closures also all lawn maintenance and general upkeep of the cemetery.
- C. The Township Clerk shall prepare cemetery certificates for each grave. The Clerk may replace lost or destroyed certificates upon request. A copy of this policy will be given with each certificate. The Burial rights of graves shall not be transferred to another without approval of the Clerk.
- D. Burial lots may be returned to the Township my mutual consent by signing a transfer of burial sites with the Clerk. If grave(s) are returned to the Township the purchase price if any will be refunded.

TO RESERVE GRAVES OR LOTS:

- A. All property owners or residents of Plainfield Township, may reserve burials lots as follows:
 - One (1) grave per owner or resident,
 - One (1) grave per spouse, co-owner, or co-resident and
 - Two (2) graves for children of the owner or resident, under the age of eighteen (18).
 - A maximum of four (4) graves (1 lot) per owner or resident regardless of the number of parcels owned within the township by any one person.
- B. Residents have the right to reserve graves with a deposit \$50.00 each. Their children under eighteen (18) are exempt from the \$50.00 cost. The graves will revert back to the township when the children reach 18 years of age, unless the child has a mental or physical disability and are in the care of a parent or guardian. If a deposit is placed with the Treasurer to reserve a grave, upon interment, the Township will credit the deposit towards the interment fees.
- C. A property owner or resident who is a Veteran of the Armed Forces may reserve a grave for the Veteran and his or her spouse by producing an Honorable Discharge or separation papers, at no cost.
- D. Transfer will not be allowed to non-resident unless they are Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Grandchild, Daughter, Son, Daughter-in-law and Son-in-law.
- E. A full burial and unlimited cremations can go into the same grave. Only one upright marker will be allowed on the grave.
- F. The Township Board shall determine the cost of burial fees from time to time.
- G. The Certificate holder shall notify the Township if they move with an address to where they may be reached.
- H. Burial rights may revert to the township for cemetery lots or graves spaces that remains unused for a period of fifty (50) years, as of the adoption of this policy. The last known person on file will be notified.

FUNERAL, INTERMENTS AND DISINTERMENTS:

- A. Conditions to be fulfilled before interment: No interment shall take place without a burial permit, not until the person making arrangements for the interment has complied with all laws, ordinances and rules and regulations relative to burials.
- B. Funeral directors making arrangements for burials shall be responsible for all interment charges. When an interment is to be made on a lot in any other than a recorded grave space, a written request will be filed with the Township Clerk. Written permission must also be given by the lot owner for the ashes of another person to be buried in the owner's lot.
- C. The Sexton and/or Clerk should be given notice 36 hours in advance of a burial. All funerals within the cemetery shall be under the direction of the sexton or an authorized assistant.
- D. When there is a change in the time of the burial, the sexton must receive a two (2) hour notice.
- E. Due to weather or other hazardous conditions, the sexton shall have the sole right and authority to decide whether or not to allow for the hearse use only or the entire funeral procession to enter the cemetery. If not the final services could be conducted in the chapel, with the interment at a later time.
- F. Disinterment of a body once properly interred shall not be made without properly executed disinterment/re-interment permit. Graves to be opened for inspection for official investigation shall

require an order signed by a court or competent jurisdiction. Any markers or monuments designation the location of an interment shall be removed at the same time.

G. The cemetery sexton reserves the right to remove funeral/floral pieces as soon as they become unsightly.

VAULTS, MONUMENTS AND MARKERS:

- A. VAULTS: All Burials must have an approved vault.
- B. All monuments, headstone and markers, where permitted, must be of recognized durable granite, marble or standard bronze. The use of sandstone, terracotta, slate, artificial stone, wood, or iron in any form is not permitted.
- C. Monuments: Location must be obtained from the sexton; no more than one monument shall be erected on any two (2) graves sites. All monuments must have foundation (see foundations below). Bronze marker may be installed on the monument. All grave space must be paid in full and certificate be issued before a monument can be set.
- D. Markers: Location must be obtained from the sexton; no more than one upright marker shall be erected on any grave, a flat marker is also allowed on each grave. A double gravesite may have a double marker, or a triple site may have a triple marker. All markers must have a foundation (see foundations below). All grave spaces must be paid in full and certificate be issued before a maker can be set.
- E. Foundations: All foundations to be installed between April 15th and November 1st, providing the frost is out of the ground or as otherwise specified by the sexton. Monuments and markers up to 48" in length must have a foundation of 4" (inches) unless it is a slant or over 40" then a 6" foundation must be used. All foundations will extend at least 4" on all sides of the base of the marker. No foundation shall be nearer than two (2) inches from a lot line.

DECORATIONS OF LOTS:

- A. Copings, fences, curbs, benches, steps, structure of wood or other material used as grave lot border or coverings shall be prohibited. The use of glass jars and bottles as receptacles for cut flowers is *strictly prohibited*.
 - There shall be *NO* arches for hanging baskets allowed, however those erected before this policy shall be permitted only when they are in use and they must not be anchored.
 - *NO* elevated mounds, wood chips, decorative stones or rocks, marble slab tops.
 - *NO* trees or bushes over 18" x 12" will be allowed.
 - *NO* deciduous tree or evergreen shall be removed except under the directions and with the consent of the sexton.
 - Receptacles for cut flowers will be permitted if installed flush with the surface of the lawn.
 - All decorating cannot exceed 36 inches in height above the ground and must be within 12 inches from the headstone.
 - Any statues, flower pots/planters, etc. that become unsightly or unused for over a period of one (1) year will be removed by the sexton, tagged and placed in storage for six (6) months, if not claimed it will be destroyed.
 - One urn shall be allowed per gravesite, it shall be to the side of the marker and shall be permitted only if properly installed and maintained.

- Winter decorations may be maintained on graves from November 1st until April 1st. If such decorations are not removed by April 1st they shall be considered abandoned and shall be disposed of by the sexton.
 - *NO* decorations shall be placed on graves from April 1st up to Mother's Day.
 - Fall Cleanup will occur October 15 through November 1. All spring and summer decorations shall be removed.
- B. The Township shall notify the owner the owner if any flowers, trees, hedges or scrubs become unsightly, dangerous or encroach upon adjoining lots or paths. If the owner fails to move them, the Township reserves the right to remove them. The Township may maintain any planted unit that requires annual trimming or pruning or it shall be removed. Plants at the side of markers shall only be minimal non-spreading flowers. The Township on a regular basis shall maintain and cut all grasses. All roads, drives or paths shall be maintained (graded, filled, snowplowed) by the Township only.

ORDINANCE NO 18
TOWNSHIP OF PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF IOSCO, MICHIGAN
CEMETERY ORDINANCE
Revised December 2004

An Ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by establishing regulations relating to the operation, control and management of cemeteries owned by the Township of Plainfield, Iosco County, Michigan to provide penalties for the violation of said Ordinance; and to repeal all ordinances; and to repeal all ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict therewith.

TOWNSHIP OF PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF IOSCO, MICHIGAN
ORDAINS:

Section 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Plainfield Township Cemetery Ordinance.

Section 2.

General Provisions:

- a) Municipal cemeteries are hereby declared to be Public Burial grounds for the remains of human bodies only. The ownership of lots will remain with the Township and the Township reserves the right to enter upon any such lot to provide for its care and upkeep.
- b) Vehicle traffic shall not exceed ten miles per hour. All vehicle traffic shall be excluded from cemeteries during the night time hours.
- c) No pets shall be allowed in any cemetery except within the confines of a vehicle.
- d) Lots 59 and 60 of Block VI (6) in the second addition (2A) and Lot 75 S ½ and Lot 140 of O.P. of the Esmond Evergreen Cemetery shall be reserved as a cremation section. This section shall be used for cremations only.

Management:

- a) A cemetery board shall consist of the Township Clerk, the Sexton, Three (3) residents and a member of the Township Board. These terms shall be for a period of 2 years and the Board members shall be appointed by the Township Supervisor.
- b) The cemetery sexton shall be appointed by the Township Board and shall be responsible for carrying out the policies and procedures established herein. All grave openings and closures shall be under the sexton's directions.
- c) Undertakers shall give to the sexton or Clerk a 36 hour advance notice.
- d) The appropriate permit for the burial space involved, together with appropriate identification of the person to be buried therein where necessary, shall be presented to either the sexton or the person conducting burial prior to interment.

- e) The cost of burial fees shall be determined from time to time by the Township Board. Fees will be paid directly to the Township Treasurer.
- f) The burial of two or more persons in one grave is prohibited, except for mother or father of an infant if buried at the same time, or in the case of babies (2) may be buried in same graves.
- g) The ashes from human cremation appropriately contained may be placed in burial lot if they are those of owner of lot, or a relative to the owner with the written permission of the nearest relative. Burial of 2 cremations in a single container must have the container approved by the sexton. 9-8-93
- h) Cemetery certificates shall be prepared for each grave by the Township Clerk. The burial rights of lots shall not be transferred to another without approval of the Township Clerk.
- i) Burial lots may be returned to the Township by mutual consent by signing a transfer of burial sites certificate with the Township Clerk. Cost to non-residents for lots will be \$600.00 each. If lot(s) are returned to the Township the purchase price will be refunded.
- j) Lost or destroyed certificates may be replaced if Township records indicate that the Claimant is indeed the owner of the lot in question. The charge shall be the cost of a copy. 9-8-93
- k) Copy of this ordinance to be given when a cemetery certificate is issued.
- l) All property owners or residents of Plainfield Township, after one (1) year of ownership or residency, may reserve burial lots as follows: One (1) lot per owner or resident, one (1) lot per spouse, co-owner, or co-resident and two (2) lots for children of the owner or resident, under the age of eighteen (18). A maximum of four (4) lots per owner or resident regardless of the number of parcels owned within the township by any one person.

To reserve burial lot(s): a deposit of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for each lot reserved. No deposit required for lots reserved for children under the age of eighteen (18). If a deposit is placed with the Treasurer to reserve a lot, upon interment, the Township will credit the deposit towards the interment fees. 3-15-96

Transfers will not be allowed to non-residents unless they are Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Grandchild, Daughter, Son, Daughter-in-Law or Son-in-Law. 12-6-93

Non-veteran residents have the right to reserve sites at the cost of \$50.00 each, instead of placing a marker, their children under 18 are exempt from the \$50.00 cost. The lots will revert back to the township when the children reach 18 years of age. 1-5-94

Residents receiving lots for \$50.00 deposit will be refunded the \$50.00 if lots are returned to the Township.

Certificate will read every 10 years lots must be updated and at the age 18 lots dedicated for children will revert back. 3-25-94

A veteran of the Armed Forces may reserve a site for the Veteran and his or her spouse by producing an Honorable Discharge paper or separation papers.

A person in the service shall be eligible for a lot provided he shall have lived in Plainfield Township at least one (1) year prior to entering the service and shall not have qualified as an elector of any governmental unit following termination of said service.

- m) Burial lots shall be paid in full at the time of purchase by non-residents of Plainfield Township.
- n) A resident of Plainfield Township making application for a burial site shall attest to having resided in the Township for one (1) continuous year by filing a notarized affidavit with the Township Clerk.

Unlawful Acts:

- a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any burial lot to allow interment to be made in the Cemetery for remuneration.
- b) It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, injure, disturb, mark or write on any marker, monument or headstone, except when the work is done to improve or stabilize these objects.
- c) No person shall create any improper noise, disorderly conduct, carelessness, or any other Activity which tends to destroy the peace, tranquility and attractiveness of any cemetery and its sacred devotion to the interment and response of the dead.
- d) There shall be no parking of any vehicle except for cemetery visitation.
- e) There shall be no hunting at any time.
- f) There shall be no skiing or sledding.

Funeral and Interments:

Conditions to be fulfilled before interment: No interment shall take place without a burial permit, nor until the person making arrangements for the interment has complied with all laws, ordinances and rules and regulations relative to burials

Funeral directors making arrangement for burials shall be responsible for all interment charges. When an interment is to be made on a lot in any other than a recorded grave space, a written request will be filed with the Township Clerk.

Funerals:

All funerals within the cemeteries shall be under the direction of the sexton or an authorized assistant. The same as for legal holidays.

The cemetery management reserves the right to remove funeral designs and floral pieces as soon as they become unsightly.

When there is a change in time of the burial, the sexton must receive a two (2) hour notice. Due to weather or other hazardous conditions, the sexton shall have the sole right and authority to designate the conduction and funeral procession and hearse use only for funerals.

The final interment shall be conducted at the funeral home when hazardous conditions exist. Tents will not be allowed in cemeteries. Open graveside services will be allowed. 9-8-93

Section 3.

Decoration of lots: The following rules shall be observed with regard to the decoration of lots:

- a) Copings, fences, curbs, benches, steps, structures of wood or other material used as grave lot border or covering shall be prohibited. These structures or enclosures established on any lot previous to the adoption of these regulations which have, in the judgment of the cemetery management, become unsightly by reason of neglect or age shall be removed.

No elevated mounds shall be built over graves and no lot shall be filled above the established by the Township.

- b) Receptacles for cut flowers will be permitted if installed flush with the surface of the lawn. The use of glass jars or bottles as receptacles for cut flowers is strictly prohibited. Statues must be within 12 inches from the headstone.
- c) Winter decorations may be maintained on graves from November 1st until April 1st. If such decorations are not removed by April 1st they shall be considered abandoned and shall be disposed of by the cemetery management. No decorations shall be placed on graves from April 1st to May 10th. 6-27-01
- d) There shall be one urn allowed per grave site, it shall be to the side of the marker and shall be permitted only if properly installed and maintained.
- e) There shall be no arches for hanging baskets allowed, however those erected before this ordinance shall be permitted only when they are in use and they must not be anchored. Any not in use by June 1st will be removed.
- f) No more than two (2) decorations shall be allowed on a grave at one time or excess will be removed by the Township.
- g) The Township shall notify the owner of any lot if flowers, trees, hedges or shrubs become unsightly, dangerous or encroach upon adjoining lots or paths. If the owner fails to remove them, the Township reserves the right to remove them. Any planted unit that requires annual trimming or pruning may be maintained by the Township or it shall be removed. Plants at the side of markers shall only be a minimal non-spreading flower. All grass shall be cut by the Township on a regular basis for uniform maintenance. All roads, drives or paths shall be maintained (graded, filled, snowplowed) by the Township only. 3-15-96
- h) No deciduous tree or evergreen shall be removed except under the directions and with consent of the sexton.
- i) All trees and bushes permitted will be ones not growing larger than 18' X 12". 6-27-01

Section 4. Vaults, Monuments and Markers

- a) Monuments-General: Where permitted, monuments shall be restricted to the following:
 - Monument location must be obtained from the sexton of cemeteries before a monument is set.
 - Not more than one monument shall be erected on any two (2) grave sites.
 - A bronze marker may be flush in front of marker or installed on monument.
 - There shall be no monuments or foundations placed without notifying the sexton.

- Markers in cremation section may not exceed 20” for single and 48” for a double. 2-93
- b) Location of markers on lot:
- Markers shall be placed at innermost grave in lot.
 - Not more than one marker shall be placed nearer than two (2) inches to a lot line.
 - Not more than one marker shall be placed at any one grave.
 - No marker shall embrace two or more graves, except on a two or three grave lot where a double or three grave is permitted.
 - No marker shall be set unless it is first approved by the sexton of the cemetery and the grave space is paid in full and certificate presented.
- c) Foundations:
- All memorials shall have a foundation which extends at least 4 inches on all sides of the base of the marker and be at least 6 inches deep and shall be level and edged.
- d) All material used in the construction of monuments, headstones and permanent lot markers, where permitted, must be of recognized durable granite, marble, or standard bronze. The use of sandstone, terra cotta, slate, artificial stone, wood or iron in any form is not permitted where exposed to the elements. Concrete shall be used as a foundation or beveled pillow.
- e) Vaults: All burials must have a vault. All burial vaults shall be of contractive materials and sealable as permitted and at the supervision of the sexton.

Section 5. Enforcement

- a) Penalties: Any person violating any of the provisions of this shall be subject to a fine of not over \$500.00 and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment in the Iosco County Jail for not more than ninety (90) days, or may be punished by both such fine and imprisonment, at the direction of the court.
- b) The sections of the ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section hereof is Declared illegal or void in a Court of Law, it shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.
- c) Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication by The Plainfield Township Board.
- d) All ordinances or portions of ordinances conflicting with provisions herein are declared to be null and void.
- e) All complaints may be directed to the Cemetery Board.

CEMETERY RATES

Spaces:

Non-Resident	\$600.00 per site
Resident or Property Owner:	
Veteran-furnish Honorable Discharge Paper	No Charge
Non-Veteran	\$50.00 per site*

Grave Openings:

Full size burial	\$250.00
Burial smaller than 18' by 3 feet	\$100.00
Cremation—Resident	\$50.00
Cremation—Non-Resident	\$100.00

*This \$50.00 will be deducted from the burial fee.

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Section 2:

General Provisions:

- a) Municipal cemeteries are hereby declared to be Public Burial grounds for the remains of human bodies only. The ownership of lots will remain with the Township and the Township reserves the right to enter upon any such lot to provide for its care and upkeep.
- b) Vehicular traffic shall not exceed ten miles per hour. All vehicular traffic shall be excluded from cemeteries during the night time hours.
- c) No pets shall be allowed in any cemetery except within the confines of a vehicle.
- d) Gates will be open from 7 a.m. to dusk.
- e) Lots 59 and 60 of Block VI in the second addition of Esmond Evergreen Cemetery shall be reserved as a cremation section. This section shall be used for cremations only.

Management:

- a) A cemetery board shall consist of the Township Clerk, the Sexton, two (2) residents and a member of the Township Board. These terms shall be for a period of 2 years and the Board member shall be appointed by the Township Supervisor.
- b) The cemetery sexton shall be appointed by the Township Board and shall be responsible for carrying out the policies and procedures established herein. All grave openings and closures shall be under the sexton's direction.
 - i. Disinterment—General restrictions. Disinterment of a body once properly interred shall not be made without a properly executed disinterment/re-interment permit. Graves to be opened for inspection for official investigation shall require an order signed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Any markers or monuments designating the location of an interment shall be removed at the time a disinterment is made.
- c) Undertakers shall give to the sexton or Clerk a 36 hour advance notice.

- d) The appropriate permit for the burial space involved, together with appropriate identification of the person to be buried therein where necessary, shall be presented to either the sexton or the person conducting burial prior to interment.
- e) The cost of burial fees shall be determined from time to time by the Township Board. Fees will be paid directly to the Township Treasurer.
- f) The burial of two or more persons in one grave is prohibited, except for mother or father of an infant if buried at the same time, or in the case of babies (2) may be buried on same graves.
- g) The ashes from human cremation appropriately contained may be placed in burial lot if they are those of owner of lot, or a relative to the owner with the written permission of the nearest relative. *Burial of 2 cremations in a single container must have the container approved by the sexton. 9-8-1993*
- h) Cemetery certificates shall be prepared for each grave by the Township Clerk. The burial rights of lots shall not be transferred to another without approval of the Township Clerk. *Transfer to non-residents will not be allowed unless immediate family. 12-8-1993*
- i) Burial lots may be returned to the Township by mutual consent by signing a transfer of burial sites certificate with the Township Clerk. If they had been purchased the Township shall pay the price at which they were purchased.
- j) Lost or destroyed certificates may be replaced if Township records indicated that the claimant is indeed the owner of the lot in question. *The charge shall be the cost of a copy. 9-8-1993*
- k) Copy of this ordinance to be given when a cemetery certificate is issued.
- l) All residents of Plainfield Township may reserve a burial site after 1 year of residency by placing a purchased marker from any monument dealer.
 - i. A veteran of the Armed Forces may reserve a site for the Veteran and his or her spouse by producing an Honorable Discharge paper or separation papers. He need not purchase a marker.
 - ii. A person in the service shall be eligible for a lot provided he shall have lived in Plainfield Township at least one (1) year, prior to entering the service, and shall not have qualified as an elector of any governmental unit following termination of said service.
 - iii. Residents will be given two grave sites, unless their children are under 18 years old, or a dis-advantage adult living with the resident, whom the resident is responsible for. Maximum of 4 sites per family.
- m) Burial lots shall be paid in full at the time of purchase by non-residents of Plainfield Township.
- n) A resident of Plainfield Township making application for a burial site shall attest, to having resided in the Township for one (1) continuous year, by filing a notarized affidavit with the Township Clerk.

Unlawful Acts:

- a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any burial lot to allow interment to be made in the Cemetery for remuneration.
- b) It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, injure, disturb, mark or write on any marker, monument or headstone, except when the work is done to improve or stabilize these objects.
- c) No person shall create any improper noise, disorderly conduct, carelessness, or any other activity which tends to destroy the peace, tranquility and attractiveness of any Cemetery and its sacred devotion to the interment and repose of the dead.

- d) There shall be no parking of any vehicles except for Cemetery visitation.
- e) There shall be no hunting at any time.
- f) There shall be no skiing or sledding.

Funeral and Interments:

- Sunday and Holiday Interments: No interments shall be made on a Township holiday re: Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day, Presidents Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, or July 4th. On other Township recognized holidays: Afternoon of Good Friday, afternoon day before Christmas, afternoon New Year's Eve and Sunday interments will be scheduled with the holiday fee.
- Conditions to be fulfilled before interment: No interment shall take place without a burial permit, nor until the person making arrangements for the interments has complied with all laws, ordinances and rules and regulations relative to burials.
- Funeral directors making arrangements for burials shall be responsible for all interment charges if not paid by the owner or his agent. When an interment is to be made on a lot in any other than a recorded grave space, a written request will be filled with the Township Clerk.

Funerals:

- All funerals within the cemeteries shall be under the direction of the sexton or an authorized assistant. An additional charge as provided herein shall be made for a service after 4 p.m. the same as for legal holidays.
- The cemetery management reserves the right to remove funeral designs and floral pieces as soon as they become unsightly.
- When there is a change in time of the burial, the sexton must receive a two (2) hour notice. There shall also be an additional charge for later funerals (maximum 1 ½ hours after service starts). Due to weather or other hazardous conditions the sexton shall have the sole right and authority to designate the conduction and funeral procession and hearse use only for funerals. The final interment shall be conducted at the funeral home when hazardous conditions exist. *Tents will not be allowed in cemeteries. Open graveside services will be allowed. 9-8-1993*

Section 3.

Decorations of lots: The following rules shall be observed with regard to the decoration of lots.

- a) Copings, fences, curbs, benches, steps, structures of wood or other material used as grave lot border or covering shall be prohibited. These structures or enclosures established on any lot previous to the adoption of these regulations which have, in the judgment of the Cemetery management, become unsightly by reason of neglect or age shall be removed.
- b) No elevated mounds shall be built over graves and no lot shall be filled above the grade established by the Township.
- c) Receptacles for cut flowers will be permitted if installed flush with the surface of the lawn. The use of glass jars or bottles as receptacles for cut flowers is strictly prohibited. Statues must be within 12 inches from the headstone.
- d) Winter decorations may be maintained on graves from November 1st until May 1st. If such decorations are not removed by May 1st they shall be considered abandoned and shall be

disposed of by the cemetery management. No decorations shall be placed on graves from May 1st to May 15th.

- e) There shall be one urn allowed per grave site, it shall be to the side of marker and shall be permitted only if properly installed and maintained.
- f) There shall be no arches for hanging baskets allowed, however, those erected before this ordinance, shall be permitted only when they are in use and they must not be anchored. Any not in use by June 1st will be removed.
- g) No more than two (2) decorations shall be allowed on a grave at one time or excess will be remove by the Township.
- h) The Township shall remove all flowers, trees, hedges and shrubs which have become unsightly or dangerous or encroach upon an adjoining lot or path. All grass shall be cut by the Township on a regular cutting basis for uniform maintenance. A planted unit that requires annual trimming or pruning if not maintained shall be removed by the sexton. Plants at the side of markers shall only be a minimal, non-spreading flower. All bushes and shrubs must not be over 18 inches tall and/or around.
- i) No deciduous tree or evergreens shall be removed except under the directions and with the consent of the sexton.
- j) Real or artificial flowers may be placed 12 inches in front of the headstone.

Section 4.

- a) Monuments-General: Where permitted, monuments shall be restricted to the following:
 - Monument location must be obtained from the sexton of cemeteries before a monument is set.
 - Not more than one monument shall be erected on any two (2) grave sites.
 - A bronze marker may be flush in front of marker or installed on monument
 - There shall be no monuments or foundations placed without notifying the sexton.
 - *Markers in cremation section may not exceed 20" for single and 48" for a double. 2-93*
- b) Location of markers on lot:
 - Markers shall be placed at inter most grave in lot.
 - Not more than one marker shall be placed nearer than two (2) inches to a log line.
 - Not more than one marker shall be place at any one grave.
 - No marker shall embrace two or more graves, except on a two or three grave lot where a double or three grave is permitted.
 - No marker shall be set unless it is first approved by the sexton of the cemetery and the grave space is paid in full and certificate is presented.
- c) Foundations:
 - All memorials shall have a foundation which extends at least 4 inches on all side of the base of marker and be at least 6 inches deep and shall be level and edged.
 - Should any monument or memorial become unsightly, or a safety hazard, the Board shall have the right to correct the condition or remove the same, at the expense of the owners if available.

- All foundations to be installed between April 15th and November 1st providing the frost is out of the ground or as otherwise specified by the Sexton. Foundation material must be removed by the person installing the foundation. If material is not removed a bill will be sent.
 - *Markers up to 48" in length will be allowed a 4" foundation unless it is a slant or monument over 40," then a 6" foundation must be used. 2-93*
- d) All material used in the construction of monuments, headstones and permanent lot markers, where permitted must be of recognized durable granite, marble or standard bronze. The use of sandstone, terra cotta, slate, artificial stone, wood, or iron in any form is not permitted where exposed to the elements. Concrete shall be used as a foundation or beveled pillow. *Allows field stone for a marker as long as 2 sides are cut flat) one side for bronze plaque and one to rest on) and it does not exceed the size of the plaque. 12-8-93*
- e) Vaults:
- All burials must have a vault.
 - All burial vaults shall be of contractive materials and sealable as permitted and at the supervision of the sexton.

Section 5.

Enforcement:

- a) Penalties: Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not over \$500.00 and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment in the Iosco County Jail for not more than ninety days, or may be punished by both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the Court.
- b) The sections of the ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section hereof is declared illegal or void in a Court of Law, it shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance.
- c) Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication by the Plainfield Township Board.
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TOWNSHIP OF PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF IOSCO, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE #18
CEMETERY ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by establishing regulations relating to the operation, control and management of cemeteries owned by the Township of Plainfield, Iosco County, Michigan to provide penalties for the violation of said Ordinance: and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

TOWNSHIP OF PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF IOSCO, MICHIGAN
ORDAINS:

Section 1: Title

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Plainfield Township Cemetery Ordinance.

Section 2:

General Provisions:

- a) Municipal cemeteries are hereby declared to be Public Burial grounds for the remains of human bodies only. The ownership of lots will remain with the Township and the Township reserves the right to enter upon any such lot to provide for its care and upkeep.
- b) Vehicular traffic shall not exceed ten miles per hour. All vehicular traffic shall be excluded from cemeteries during the night time hours.
- c) No pets shall be allowed in any cemetery except within the confines of a vehicle.
- d) Gates will be open from 7 a.m. to dusk.

Management:

- a) A cemetery board shall consist of the Township Clerk, the Sexton, two (2) residents and a member of the Township Board. These terms shall be for a period of 2 years and the Board member shall be appointed by the Township Supervisor.
- b) The cemetery sexton shall be appointed by the Township Board and shall be responsible for carrying out the policies and procedures established herein. All grave openings and closures shall be under the sexton's direction.
 - i. Disinterment—General restrictions. Disinterment of a body once properly interred shall not be made without a properly executed disinterment/re-interment permit. Graves to be opened for inspection for official investigation shall require an order signed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Any markers or monuments designating the location of an interment shall be removed at the time a disinterment is made.
- c) Undertakers shall give to the sexton or Clerk a 36 hour advance notice.
- d) The appropriate permit for the burial space involved, together with appropriate identification of the person to be buried therein where necessary, shall be presented to either the sexton or the person conducting burial prior to interment.

- e) The cost of burial fees shall be determined from time to time by the Township Board. Fees will be paid directly to the Township Treasurer.
- f) The burial of two or more persons in one grave is prohibited, except for mother or father of an infant if buried at the same time, or in the case of babies (2) may be buried on same graves.
- g) The ashes from human cremation appropriately contained may be placed in burial lot if they are those of owner of lot, or a relative to the owner with the written permission of the nearest relative.
- h) Cemetery certificates shall be prepared for each grave by the Township Clerk. The burial rights of lots shall not be transferred to another without approval of the Township Clerk.
- i) Burial lots may be returned to the Township by mutual consent by signing a transfer of burial sites certificate with the Township Clerk. If they had been purchased the Township shall pay the price at which they were purchased.
- j) Lost or destroyed certificates may be replaced if Township records indicated that the claimant is indeed the owner of the lot in question. There will be a charge for his service.
- k) Copy of this ordinance to be given when a cemetery certificate is issued.
- l) All residents of Plainfield Township may reserve a burial site after 1 year of residency by placing a purchased marker from any monument dealer. Markers must be installed within 8 months from time of reservation.
 - i. A veteran of the Armed Forces may reserve a site for the Veteran and his or her spouse by producing an Honorable Discharge paper or separation papers. He need not purchase a marker.
 - ii. A person in the service shall be eligible for a lot provided he shall have lived in Plainfield Township at least one (1) year, prior to entering the service, and shall not have qualified as an elector of any governmental unit following termination of said service.
 - iii. Residents will be given two grave sites, unless their children are under 18 years old, or a dis-advantage adult living with the resident, whom the resident is responsible for. Maximum of 4 sites per family.
- m) Burial lots shall be paid in full at the time of purchase by non-residents of Plainfield Township.
- n) A resident of Plainfield Township making application for a burial site shall attest, to having resided in the Township for one (1) continuous year, by filing a notarized affidavit with the Township Clerk.

Unlawful Acts:

- a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any burial lot to allow interment to be made in the Cemetery for remuneration.
- b) It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, injure, disturb, mark or write on any marker, monument or headstone, except when the work is done to improve or stabilize these objects.
- c) No person shall create any improper noise, disorderly conduct, carelessness, or any other activity which tends to destroy the peace, tranquility and attractiveness of any Cemetery and its sacred devotion to the interment and repose of the dead.
- d) There shall be no parking of any vehicles except for Cemetery visitation.
- e) There shall be no hunting at any time.
- f) There shall be no skiing or sledding.

Funeral and Interments:

- Sunday and Holiday Interments: No interments shall be made on a Township designated holiday re: Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day, Presidents Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, or July 4th. On other Township recognized holidays: Afternoon of Good Friday, afternoon day before Christmas, afternoon New Year's Eve and Sunday interments will be scheduled with the holiday fee.
- Conditions to be fulfilled before interment: No interment shall take place without a burial permit, nor until the person making arrangements for the interments has complied with all laws, ordinances and rules and regulations relative to burials.
- Funeral directors making arrangements for burials shall be responsible for all interment charges if not paid by the owner or his agent. When an interment is to be made on a lot in any other than a recorded grave space, a written request will be filled with the Township Clerk.

Funerals:

- All funerals within the cemeteries shall be under the direction of the sexton or an authorized assistant. An additional charge as provided herein shall be made for a service after 4 p.m. the same as for legal holidays.
- The cemetery management reserves the right to remove funeral designs and floral pieces as soon as they become unsightly.
- When there is a change in time of the burial, the sexton must receive a two (2) hour notice. There shall also be an additional charge for later funerals (maximum 1 ½ hours after service starts). Due to weather or other hazardous conditions the sexton shall have the sole right and authority to designate the conduction and funeral procession and hearse use only for funerals. The final interment shall be conducted at the funeral home when hazardous conditions exist.

Section 3.

Decorations of lots: The following rules shall be observed with regard to the decoration of lots.

- a) Copings, fences, curbs, benches, steps, structures of wood or other material used as grave lot border or covering shall be prohibited. These structures or enclosures established on any lot previous to the adoption of these regulations which have, in the judgment of the Cemetery management, become unsightly by reason of neglect or age shall be removed.
- b) No elevated mounds shall be built over graves and no lot shall be filled above the grade established by the Township.
- c) Receptacles for cut flowers will be permitted if installed flush with the surface of the lawn. The use of glass jars or bottles as receptacles for cut flowers is strictly prohibited.
- d) Winter decorations may be maintained on graves from November 1st until May 1st. If such decorations are not removed by May 1st they shall be considered abandoned and shall be disposed of by the cemetery management.
- e) There shall be one urn allowed per grave site, it shall be to the side of marker and shall be permitted only if properly installed and maintained.

- f) There shall be no arches for hanging baskets allowed, however, those erected before this ordinance, shall be permitted only when they are in use and they must not be anchored. Any not in use by June 1st will be removed.
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- h) The Township shall remove all flowers, trees, hedges and shrubs which have become unsightly or dangerous or encroach upon an adjoining lot or path. All grass shall be cut by the Township on a regular cutting basis for uniform maintenance. A planted unit that requires annual trimming or pruning if not maintained shall be removed by the sexton. Plants at the side of markers shall only be a minimal, non-spreading flower.
- i) No deciduous tree or evergreens shall be removed except under the directions and with the consent of the sexton.

Section 4. Vaults, Monuments and Markers

- a) Monuments-General: Where permitted, monuments shall be restricted to the following:
 - Monument location must be obtained from the sexton of cemeteries before a monument is set.
 - Not more than one monument shall be erected on any two (2) grave sites.
 - A bronze marker may be flush in front of marker or installed on monument.
 - There shall be no monuments or foundations placed without notifying the sexton.
- b) Location of markers on lot:
 - Markers shall be placed at inter most grave in lot.
 - Not more than one marker shall be placed nearer than two (2) inches to a log line.
 - Not more than one marker shall be place at any one grave.
 - No marker shall embrace two or more graves, except on a two or three grave lot where a double or three grave is permitted.
 - No marker shall be set unless it is first approved by the sexton of the cemetery and the grave space is paid in full and certificate is presented.
- c) Foundations:
 - All memorials shall have a foundation which extends at least 4 inches on all side of the base of marker and be at least 6 inches deep and shall be level and edged.
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**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESIDENTS**

Addition to Cemetery Ordinance #18 to read:

Section 3, K

Amend the cemetery ordinance to include real or artificial flowers may be placed 12 inches in front of the headstone.

The above action was taken at the Regular Meeting of Plainfield Township on June 4, 1989.

(Signed Beverly S. Caverly)
Plainfield Township Clerk

Please publish June 28, 1989

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Plainfield Township board of Trustees at their regular meeting on August 9, 1989 voted to amend the Cemetery Ordinance as follows:

1. All bushes and shrubs must not be over 18 inches tall and/or around. (Section 3, j)
2. Statues must be within 12 inches from the headstone. (Section 3, c)
3. No decoration shall be placed on graves from May 1st to May 15th. (Section 3, d)
4. Lots 59 and 60 of Block VI in the second addition of Esmond Evergreen Cemetery shall be reserved as a cremation section. This section shall be used for cremations only. (Section II, General Provisions, e)

(Signed Beverly S. Caverly)
Plainfield Township Clerk

Please publish August 30, 1989

CEMETERY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Section #2

Line L.

- All property owners or residents, of Plainfield Township, after one (1) year of ownership or residency, may reserve burial lots as follows: One (1) lot per owner or resident, one (1) lot per spouse, co-owner, or co-resident and two (2) lots for children of the owner or resident, under the age of eighteen (18). A maximum of four lots per owner or resident, regardless of the number of parcels owned within the Township by any one person.
- To reserve burial lots, the owner or resident shall install a manufactured marker on the reserved lot within eight (8) months from the date being reserved; or, place with the Township Treasurer, (upon reserving) a deposit of Fifty (50) dollars for each lot reserved. No deposit required for lots reserved for children under the age of eighteen (18). If a deposit is placed with the Treasurer to reserve a lot, upon interment, the Township will credit the deposit toward the interment fees.

Section #3

Line I:

- The Township shall notify the owner of any lot if flowers, trees, hedges or shrubs become unsightly, dangerous, or encroach upon adjoining lots or paths. If the owner fails to remove them, the Township reserves the right to remove them. Any planted unit that requires annual trimming or pruning may be maintained by the Township or it shall be removed. Plants at the side of markers shall only be a minimal non-spreading flower. All grass shall be cut by the Township on a regular basis for uniform maintenance. All roads, drives, or paths shall be maintained (graded, filled, snowplowed) by the Township only.