

Charter Township of Haring
Cadillac, Michigan 49601
Rules and Regulations for the Haring Township Cemetery
Haring Road, Wexford County
Cemetery Ordinance/Ordinance # 121

This Ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare by establishing the operation, control and management of the cemetery owned by **Charter Township of Haring Wexford County, Michigan; to provide penalties for the violation of said ordinance.**

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARING, COUNTY OF WEXFORD, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1: Definitions of Cemetery Lots and Burial Spaces

A cemetery lot consists of sufficient space to accommodate from one to two burial spaces. A burial space shall consist of a land area ranging from four (4) feet wide and ten (10) feet in length, or to forty-two (42) inches and ten (10) feet length. **All burial lots are for human remains only. Animal remains will not be permitted.**

Section 2: Vault

All burials, including cremains, shall be within the standard concrete vault (**purchased through a funeral director**), Installed or constructed in each burial space before interment.

Section 3: Grave Openings

No burial space shall be opened and closed except by authorized Township Cemetery personnel. (This provision shall not apply to proceedings for the removal and reinterment of bodies and remains, **which matters are under the supervision of the local Health Department**) The opening and closing of any burial space, prior to and following a burial therein, including the interment of ashes, **shall be at a cost to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Haring Township Board, payable to the township.** Must allow at least 24 hours' notice whenever an interment is to be made. Interments will be subject to severe weather conditions, i.e., frozen ground (winter months).

Section 4: Interment Regulations

Funeral Directors, upon arrival at the cemetery, must present the necessary burial permit from the local health department to the cemetery sexton, or township authorized person. Only one

person may be buried per grave, except for cremation. Cremation shall be limited to two per single gravesite.

Section 5: Sale of lots or burial spaces:

The Charter Township of Haring shall set purchase price of each burial space and has set by resolution the cost to a non-resident to be greater. The Charter Township of Haring by resolution may periodically alter the fees to accommodate increased costs and needed funds for the cemetery maintenance and acquisition. No more than four (4) lots are to be sold to an individual.

Section 6: Markers or Memorials:

All markers must be of stone or other equally durable composition such as granite, marble, or cast from genuine bronze and placed on a foundation of cement sufficient to maintain the marker in an erect and stable position, flush with the ground. The footing or foundation upon which any marker or memorial must be placed shall be at the cost to the owner of the burial right. Owners/Family are responsible for all repairs to monuments/markers. Should the township make repairs to markers/monuments the cost of said repairs will be charged to the owner. Monuments and markers shall be maintained in a safe condition. **One marker/memorial per space/lot, except for Veterans. All Shepard hooks, Urns, Flowerpots, Statues, need to be beside marker/monuments, (as to keep Mowing and maintenance easier & cemetery looking neat and beautiful).**

Section 7: Ground Maintenance

No grading, leveling, or excavating upon burial space shall be allowed without permission of cemetery caretaker or Township authorized person. **For the purposes of maintaining the cemetery, (mowing and trimming), edging, fencing, gravel & stones, candy jars, and toys are prohibited on any lot/grave,** Shrubs and Trees are prohibited without the permission of the Township **and must be maintained/ trimmed yearly by the owner. No Rose bushes or Bushes with thorns are allowed. The cemetery Ordinance enforcement officer/appointed caretaker, shall have the right and authority to remove and dispose of ALL growth, decayed, deteriorated, litter & damaged items, or maintenance problems. There is NO Grandfathering in on any part of section #7. All flowers must be in a container and can be placed on or after May 15th and MUST be removed by October 15th.** Water is provided in the cemetery as a courtesy and should not be interpreted as a mandatory service of the Township. **No Pets allowed in the cemetery except those allowed under ADA.** No vehicle shall exceed a speed of 5 m.p.h., **No alcohol, partying, camping within the cemetery. No trespassing when the cemetery is closed. Cemetery Is closed after dark until sunrise.**

Section 8: Forfeiture of vacant cemetery lots/burial spaces & repurchasing of burial lots:

Owners of burial spaces/lots shall inform the Township authorized cemetery person of changes in their address or contact information. Notice shall be sent by the township authorized cemetery personnel by first class mail to the last known address of the last owner of record informing them of the expiration of the 40 year period and that all rights with respect to said

lots or spaces will be forfeited if owner of record or his/her legal heirs do not affirmatively indicate in writing to the township authorized cemetery person within 60 days from the date of mailing, his/her desire to retain said burial spaces. **Charter Township of Haring will repurchase any cemetery lots or burial spaces from the owner for the price they were purchased at if they have proof in writing what it was purchased at, or a price set by the township on the date of re-purchase, upon written request of said owner or his/her legal heirs or representatives. (Lot/spaces CANNOT be sold by owners to anyone except for re-purchase by the township.)** When lot spaces are sold, they must state who the spaces are to be used by.

Section 9: Variances of Ordinance: You may appeal to the Charter Township board in writing, to Charter Township of Haring, 515 Bell Avenue Cadillac, Mi. 49601

Section 10: Violation Abatement: Any Violations of this Municipal Ordinance shall be deemed a civil infraction & shall be enforced by the Ordinance Enforcement officer of Haring Township, who has the authorization to write a civil infraction fine.

Section 11: Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall take effect on August 31, 2023, This Ordinance is to replace the Ordinance adopted by the Haring Township Board July 13, 1992

Cemetery Plot Pricing: Prices subject to change by resolution.

Resident: \$150.00 (a person coming into a place with intentions to establish a permanent residence. Or a person currently living in Haring township)

Non-Resident: \$300.00 (a person who is not living in Haring Township)

No Half Lots to be sold.

This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Haring, Wexford County, Michigan on August 14, 2023 after a first reading on July 10, 2023 The effective date of this Ordinance will be August 31, 2023 said date being ten (10) days after publication in the Cadillac News Paper of general circulation in the Township, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 246 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended.

Paula Dewey, Clerk

Revised 8-10-23.

