

## Mercer Cemetery Rules

### 1. General Rules

At-large or free-running domestic animals are prohibited.

Snowmobiles or ATVs are prohibited on grounds and dumping of any kind is not allowed.

### 2. Lot Owners

At time of purchase, a deed with lot description will be issued to owner as proof of sale. A copy of deed and amount paid will be kept on file in town office.

Any transfer of lots or portion of lots must be recorded at town office.

No lot shall be used for any purpose other than burial of human remains.

The town will take every precaution to protect all cemetery property from loss or damage but disclaims all responsibility for any loss or damage resulting from causes beyond its reasonable control.

### 3. Funerals and Interments

The cemetery will be open for interment as weather conditions allow.

Request for burial requires an advance notice to a town official of at least sixteen (16) working hours.

No interments shall take place without a burial permit, presented at the cemetery by the funeral director or designate and subsequently recorded at town office. Requisition from funeral directors for the opening of graves will be considered synonymous to that of the lot owner.

All body caskets must be placed in a concrete grave box or vault.

No interment of two or more bodies shall be made in one grave except those of: a) a parent and child under one year of age b) two children of the same parents and under one year of age.

No more than two (2) containers of cremated remains may be buried in one grave which contains an interred body. One container of remains may be buried in advance of a subsequent body interment.

Three (3) containers of cremated remains may be buried in a grave that does not contain a body.

4.9. Unauthorized burial of ashes is prohibited. All burials must be made by authorized **Mercer Internment** personnel and recorded in the town office.

### 5. Monuments and Memorials

Permission from town officer must be granted to anyone erecting, cleaning or repairing memorials.

Only one marker that extends above ground surface may be placed on a grave. Multiples buried in one grave may have one flush marker for each interment. All foot markers must be installed flush with the ground.

Monuments shall be erected as feasibly near the center of the head-end of the lot. Only one monument per lot is allowed and placed under direction of authorized personnel.

### 6. Care of Lots

Grave decoration is permitted between May 1st and October 15<sup>th</sup>, after which, all decorations must be removed from premises.

Floral arrangements or any other ornamentation must be securely anchored.

Flower containers must be weatherproof and weigh less than 35 pounds. Use or placement of glass jars or coffee cans for flowers is not permitted.

**The planting of flowers, shrubs, trees and other vegetation is prohibited. Arrangements for planting memorial trees may be made at town office. All unauthorized planting will be removed by cemetery employees.**

Use or placement of fencing, decorative rock, wood chips or other decorations is prohibited.

The town shall not be responsible for flowers, decorations or markers damaged by the elements, vandals, thieves, or other causes beyond its control.

### 8. Rules Enforcement

The town shall at all times retain supervision and control of all cemetery grounds and buildings, conduct of funerals, traffic, employees, plot owners, visitors and all persons on cemetery grounds. Persons convicted of any violation of rules or provisions adopted by the Mercer Town Board shall be fined not more than five hundred (\$500) dollars and all legal costs or by imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days or both.