

Disclaimer of City Liability and Responsibility

Every person who enters, remains in, and travels within a City cemetery does so at their own risk. The City is not responsible for any injury, accident, or other calamity which might occur to any person present in a City cemetery. Furthermore, the City is not responsible for any damage or vandalism to, theft of, or deterioration of any burial monument, headstone, flower urn, or other item placed at or near a cemetery plot, burial site, or anywhere in a City cemetery. The purchaser or transferees of any cemetery plot or the equivalent (and all subsequent transferees, assigns, heirs, or beneficiaries) hereby release, waives, indemnifies, and holds harmless the City for, from, and against any injury, damages, causes of action, claims, costs, and expenses associated with, relating to, and/or involving the cemetery plot or similar right, any headstone, monument or similar items, and any matter related to the cemetery involved. Such waiver, release, and hold harmless provision shall apply not only to the City, but also to any City employee, officer, official, or agent.



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OAKWOOD CEMETERY New Baltimore, MI



Brief description of rules and regulations pertaining to Oakwood Cemetery. For a complete copy of the ordinance and full rules, please see the city website (www.cityofnewbaltimore.org) or contact city hall.

Monuments/Markers:

- The City does not place monuments on gravesites, responsibility of Monument Company and/or purchaser.
- All markers and memorials shall be comprised of stone or other equally durable composition and shall be placed at the head of the cemetery plot facing the same direction as the markers and memorials around them.
- All markers must be on a foundation, purchased and constructed by the City. (See city hall for rates/regulation)
- Upkeep/repair of the cemetery memorial/marker/urn/or similar items is the responsibility of the heirs or family of the deceased at said location.
- Veteran markers can be secondary but must be flush mounted on foundation within 12 inches of the marker or attached to the back side of stand-alone marker. A foundation is required for second marker.

Decorations and Plantings:

- Summer plot decorations of flower pots/urns, may be placed and maintained at the headstones of the graves from May 1 thru September 30 of each year. Winter plot decorations and grave blankets may be placed and maintained from December 1 thru March 31 of the following year.
- **No tree, shrub, landscaping, hedges, perennials, or similar plantings shall be permitted.**
- 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. Planting of annual flowers shall be permitted within 12 inches of the graveside marker. Plantings placed in cemetery that do not meet this ordinance will be removed without notice.

- The City reserves the right to remove or trim any existing trees, plants or shrubs located within the cemetery in the interest of maintaining proper appearance and the use of the cemetery.
- The City and/or designee will make reasonable efforts to not disturb planting surrounding cemetery graves. However, the City and/or its designee shall not be liable for damage to such plantings resulting from routine cemetery maintenance and upkeep.
- Mounds, bricks, blocks, and any borders which hinder the free use of a lawn mower or other maintenance apparatus are prohibited.
- The City or it's designee shall have the right and authority to remove and dispose of any and all growth, emblems, displays, containers, and other items which through decay, deterioration, damage or otherwise, become or are unsightly, a source of litter or maintenance problem, or any other item that interferes with the routine cemetery maintenance and upkeep.
- All refuse of any kind or nature including, but not limited to, dried flowers, wreaths, papers, and plastic flower containers must be removed from the cemetery (or if available placed in a City provided disposal container) within ten (10) days after a burial.
- Except for markers, memorials, flowers, first responder memorial flags and urns expressly allowed by Ordinance, and veteran flags as authorized by ordinance, no other items (including, but not limited to, ornaments, signs, trellises, statues, benches, landscaping, bricks, stones, grave border materials, or other structures) shall be installed or maintained within the City cemetery, nor shall any grading, digging, mounding, or similar alteration of the ground or earth occur except as authorized by Ordinance or by the City.
- Individuals are not allowed to remove snow from cemetery plots. Snow will only be removed by the DPS due to opening or closing of a plot.

The City will not install, move, reset, etc. headstones. Plot Owner(s) must contract out these services.