

**Department of Public Works  
Mount Zion and Lakeside Cemetery  
Rules & Regulations  
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## **GENERAL**

Mount Zion and Lakeside Cemetery is a Town owned Cemetery established to provide a suitable place for the interment of present or members of their immediate family.

Only residents of the Town of Webster may purchase a lot or lots in these Cemeteries, with the exception that a family member not living in town may purchase a lot by said resident. A lot consisting of not more than two graves can be purchase for a non-resident family member. ***This does not include the Pauper Section, decedent must be from Town.***

All trash to be deposited in the proper trash containers provided by the Town.

## **BURIALS**

A lot may be used as a place of burial for the human dead and for no other reason or purpose. Interment of up to 5 cremations may be buried in a lot. If the full size vault is buried first, five cremations cremains burials may be placed above it. Full size vaults may not be placed in a lot already containing unvaulted (cremains) burials.

Cremation lots are allowed 1 infant burial with 1 cremation or 2 cremations only, ***(one flat marker only size 2x1)***

An approved concrete liner shall be placed into the open grave prior to any casketed interment.

All requests for burials shall be made during normal business hours with the Public Works Department, minimum of two business days/48 hours prior to the interment.

When instructions regarding the location of a grave or a lot cannot be obtained or are indefinite, or for any other reason grave cannot be opened where specified, the Highway Superintendent, or his designated representative may, at their discretion open it in such a location on the lot as he deems best and proper, so that the funeral may not be delayed.

No grave shall be opened by any workman, other than those employed by or under the direction of the Highway Superintendent or authorized representative.

Veteran section are for the interment of Veterans only, burials of (spouses, children etc. are not allowed to be buried within this section.

Pauper section are for the interment of a town resident only, burials of a (spouse, children etc. are not allowed to be buried with in this section.

## **DECORATIONS**

The Cemetery, through the Highway Superintendent, reserves to itself, the entire control of every tree, shrub, vine or plant growing within its boundaries, whether planted by lot owners or otherwise, including the right of removal without notice, when considers such removal advisable and necessary. The Highway Superintendent or his designated representative may remove from the lots items objectionable or injurious to the uses and purposes of the Cemetery or contrary to its rules and regulations.

Absolutely no glass items, pinwheels, or balloons allowed. Solar Lights are not permitted. Traditional style Eternal/Vigil lights are acceptable and may be placed next to a raised monument. Decorations must be placed in the area of the planted flowers. Plantings or decorations that are considered unsightly (discolored, broken weedy, hazardous, metal glass or thorns, may be removed without notice. Any item that may be destroyed or relocated due to wind, weather, or force of cemetery maintenance equipment (trimmers, backhoe, mower or trimmer) will be removed without notice.

***“Planting of shrubs/trees will no longer be acceptable”.*** Non-compliance of this rule will result in removal of said shrubs/trees by the Highway Superintendent or his designated representative without notice.

Any flowerbeds shall not exceed 16 inches from the base of the monument –flowers may be planted in front and next to the sides only. Lots with flat or veterans markers (*level to the ground*) nothing may be planted. One floral display may be placed on the flat marker only. Lot owners shall be responsible for maintaining plantings in a condition acceptable to the Highway Superintendent.

Semi permanent decorations, including flowers, will be permitted on or longitudinally adjacent to the marker. Flower displays which are a part of the interment service, are allowed.

The Cemetery will not be responsible for anything placed or left items on the lots by the owners.

Summer decorations shall be allowed between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Winter decorations shall be allowed between November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

No more than one floral display etc. is to exceed in the family plots. All others will be removed without notice.

**NO** fences, walls, rock gardens, trellis, bricks or boundary markers may be placed in any lot. Absolutely no pets allowed, even if leashed.

## **MONUMENTS**

Only one central or family memorial is allowed on a family plot. To avoid the crowding of memorials, the size of a monument restricted to be in proper proportion with the lot in accordance with the following.

1. One grave lot, the maximum length is two feet.
2. Two grave lots, the maximum length is three feet.
3. Three grave lots, the maximum is four feet
4. Four grave lots, the maximum length is four feet. (in a row)
5. Six grave lots, the maximum length is four and one half feet.
6. Eight or more grave lots, the maximum length allowed is five feet.

Maximum overall height of monument above ground level shall not exceed 42".

Thickness of monument base is not to exceed 16"

Thickness of monument is not to exceed 10"

**NO** benches of any kind will be allowed to be placed in any lots

Individual grave markers must be level with the ground. The memorial dealers must notify the Cemetery Department or his designated representative at the time of purchase of any memorial or stone to be placed at Mount Zion and Lakeside Cemetery with measurements of the plot for placement of the memorial or stone.

Monuments are purchased and installed by the memorial dealers. All **FLAT** markers are installed by the Town of Webster personnel only with a fee. (*see below*)

All Cremation burials are required to have a permanent flat marker (*temporary markers from a funeral home are not considered long lasting*).

Flat markers for a full burial lots (*level to the ground*) maximum size 2x0. This will allow five cremations in one lot. Markers larger than 2x0 will prevent 5 cremations to be allowed.

Flat markers for a Cremation lot maximum size 2x1, this is for a 3x3 burial lot, one marker for entire lot.

Cremation/Infant and Pauper lots flat markers **ONLY**.

Flat marker installation \$100

Veterans Military Markers **FREE**