



## MENTOR MUNICIPAL CEMETERY RULES

• Established 1854 •

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### **Cemetery Decoration Rules**

- Headstones are placed at the head of the grave. Flush markers are not considered headstones.
- Fresh or artificial flowers are permitted in urns, pots, or flower holders placed alongside the headstone on patio block or footer extension.
- Steel rod hangers are permitted. Single hangers shall be placed at the side of the headstone. Double hangers must be placed flush on the back of the headstone footer. The basket or hook shall not stick out into the walkway. All hangers must have a visible decoration on the hook at all times for the safety of those walking by the hanger.
- Wreaths can be placed at the side (or on a shepherd's hook) of the headstone during the winter months.
- Non-glass eternal flames, containing a candle or solar powered candle, or a solar powered "coach" style lantern may be placed at the gravesite. The eternal flame should be placed at the side of the headstone. The solar light shall be displayed from a steel rod hanger.
- No more than two (2) steel rod hangers permitted at any headstone.

### **The following decorations are not permitted:**

- Glass products or gazing balls
- Styrofoam
- Windsocks, balloons, inflatable decorations, pinwheels, or bird feeders
- Wood chips, stones, bricks, etc. in front of or behind the headstone
- Wires or stakes of any kind to anchor decorations
- Banners and banner hangers

### **Decoration Placement**

All decorations not on the headstone must be fully placed on either patio blocks or footer extensions to permit maintenance and funeral access. Patio blocks must not be any wider than the headstone footer, nor extend beyond the gravesite. Footer extensions may only be constructed by the City of Mentor cemetery staff.

- All decorations must be placed on the headstone or at each side. No decorations are to be placed in the walkway or behind the headstone.
- It is recommended that all decorations be clearly marked with the section, lot, grave, and name on the base.
- Artificial flowers that appear unkempt, and flowers that have died, will be removed by cemetery staff.
- Please remember you are permitted to decorate your gravesite only.
- To make special arrangements for decoration placement for special days, such as birthdays or anniversary of death, contact the Mentor Cemetery office at (440) 974-5733.

### **Funeral Flowers and Decorations**

Decorations and flowers at the time of burial are left on the grave for three (3) days. Decorations are then removed.

### **Decoration Removal**

Gravesites are to be cleaned of all decorations after holidays. Decorations not removed by the specified dates will be removed by cemetery staff.

- Christmas by March 1st.
- For all other major holidays, such as Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Halloween, etc., decorations should be removed one week after the holiday.
- All decorations must be placed on the headstone, at the side of the headstone, or on shepherd's hooks. Decorations should not be left on the ground.

### **Wooden Crosses**

- Wooden crosses are permitted to mark the location of gravesites under the following circumstances only:
  - Until a permanent headstone is placed on the site. After placement of the headstone, the cross will be removed to the cemetery office.
  - To mark any headstone under 18 inches tall from December 1 to March 1
- All crosses shall be constructed of wood and marked with a last name, the section, lot, and grave. The cross shall not exceed 36 inches above the ground. The cross member shall not exceed 18 inches in width. The cross shall be constructed with 1" x 4" wood only. Crosses not conforming to these dimensions shall be removed.

### **Other Cemetery Rules**

- No pets are permitted within the cemetery property.
- Speed limit is 15 mph. Please be courteous to pedestrians.
- The cemetery closes at dark.
- Recreational activities are not permitted on the cemetery grounds, such as Frisbee, baseball, golf, skating, skateboarding, jogging, or picnicking.
- The placement of any signs or notices or soliciting the sale of any item is not permitted.
- No loud music.

**The City of Mentor is not responsible for broken or stolen items. The City of Mentor reserves the right to remove articles which are not consistent with the beautification of the cemetery, or which impede maintenance of the grounds.**

**The City of Mentor reserves the right to review, revise, add, or delete rules as necessary. An item not addressed in the rules will be considered not permitted.**

**For questions, please call (440) 974-5733.**