TOWN OF MISHICOT

CEMETERY RULES

Progressive Farmers
St. John's Lutheran

Saxonburg
German Methodist

The purchase of a cemetery plot deed conveys only the right to use the parcel for burial purposes and no other, as written in the Town of Mishicot cemetery Deed Agreement.

PERPETUAL CARE

The term "Perpetual Care" shall mean only the cutting of grass, trimming and keeping the so-called plot even. No care for flowers is included.

The Town is not responsible for grave marker maintenance. Any grave marker repair, replacement, or leveling is the responsibility of the plot deed holder or their heirs. All work will be approved by the Town before starting.

The cemetery authorities will not be responsible for any damages done to the plots or structures thereon, or for flowers or plants removed or stolen from any plot. All damages or losses shall be reported to the Town board.

MARKERS AND FOUNDATIONS

No grave marker shall be placed in a Town cemetery without notification of the Town of Mishicot. The Town Board or designee will verify the location of the marker with the installer to ensure proper placement. No marble, sandstone, or man-made stone, except Portland Cement concrete, shall be used for foundations. There shall be a minimum five (5) inch margin of concrete wash around the monument. No grave markers shall be permitted at the foot of graves. One grave marker shall be permitted per single space. In case of more than one burial per space, additional names may be on the same stone, using its face or back.

The maximum height of single, double or triple markers shall not be more than forty-eight (48) inches above ground.

Grave markers shall be placed at the head of the grave. The maximum length of a single marker shall be thirty (30) inches. The maximum length of a double or triple marker shall be sixty (60) inches. Grave markers shall not be more than twenty (20) inches thick.

A veteran's plaque shall be placed on its own raised granite base or on the back of the individual's engraved granite marker. These plaques are not to be laid flat on the ground. This prevents damage during cemetery maintenance.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Dealers and manufacturers cards or advertisements shall not be permitted on any stone, marker or monument, or on any place within the cemetery limits.

KEEP CLEAN

All workmen who work on the cemetery, such as stone and monument cutters, haulers and truckers, must keep all roads and near plots free from obstruction.

NOISES

No person shall disturb the quiet and good order of the cemetery by noises or any other improper conduct.

BIRDS - ANIMALS

No person shall be allowed to destroy bird nests, shoot or throw stones, catch or kill any birds or wild animals on the cemetery grounds.

Domestic animals are not permitted in the cemetery at any time nor are they allowed to be buried for any reasons.

RUBBISH

All persons are strictly forbidden to throw rubbish on walks or any part of the grounds.

DAMAGES

All persons are strictly forbidden to damage any flower beds, trees or shrubbery on any of the cemetery grounds.

ROADS

The cemetery roads shall not be used as a public thoroughfare or short cut; no person in the cemetery should make a "U" turn in the driveway, but should drive around the section. Walking, driving, running, or snow activities over grave plots are prohibited.

SPEED OF AUTOS

No automobile or other motor vehicle shall be operated or driven within the cemetery grounds in excess of five (5) miles per hour.

FLOWERS, TREES AND ARTIFICIAL TREES

The planting of perennials, bushes and trees on grave plots will not be permitted. Planting can only be done on one side of the headstone (front or back). Plants must not be more than eighteen (18) inches in back of or in front of the headstone, and not greater than the length and height of any grave markers.

All artificial plants must be placed in one container and shall be light enough to be moved by one person. This container must be placed on the same side of the grave marker where natural flowers may be planted.

Spring and summer decorations can be placed on gravesites starting May 1st and should be removed by October 1st. After October 1st, cemetery workers may remove and dispose of them for fall cleaning.

Winter decorations can be placed on gravesites starting October 15 and should be removed by April 15. After April 15, cemetery workers may remove and dispose of them for spring cleaning.

No picking or removing of wild vegetation is allowed.

FENCES AND CORNER STONES

The placing of boxes, shelves, ornaments, chairs, settees, glass, wooden or iron fences or high corner stones or curbs will not be permitted. The placing of any type of edging or borders around planted areas will not be permitted. Only natural ground can be used for the planting of any plants. Decorative stone, glass and other materials are prohibited. The Town will have the right to remove them.

MOUNDS

No grave plot will be permitted to have a mound. All graves must be even so it can be cut with a lawn mower.

All foot stones or markers must be even with the top of the ground.

GRAVES

All graves must be dug to correspond with the existing pattern of burial.

All stones, head markers and monuments must be in a straight line at the head of the grave.

FINES

All persons who do not obey these rules are subject to a fine of One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars.

ROUGH BOXES

All rough boxes or vaults must be made of concrete, marble, or rust-proof material.

INTERMENT REGULATIONS

No person shall enter any body or remains in any plot or part of the cemetery without first notifying the town of such intention and furnishing the board with the necessary information to enable it to complete its records. No burial will be made without submitting a completed burial permit to the Town clerk. A death certificate or Wisconsin Death Office Copy will be provided to the Town for its records. Burial permit forms can be obtained from the Town Clerk or on the Town website (townofmishicot.org) under Information > Cemeteries. The physical location of the burial plot will be verified by the Town Board or its designee before any excavation is done. Proof of insurance is to be provided to the Town Clerk by monument installers and grave diggers before work begins.

The term grave plot as used herein shall be construed as the space required for one adult burial. Standard grave plot dimensions shall be set at ten (10) feet by three (3) feet four (4) inches, but may be a reasonable variance from the standard.

The interment of two adult bodies in one grave (that is one above the other) will not be allowed, except in the case of an adult and infant child.

The interment of two cremated remains may be allowed in one adult grave. One cremation and one conventional burial may occupy one plot. The minimum container requirement for cremated remains shall be as supplied by a crematorium. Cremation monuments (a monument where cremated remains are contained within the monument) are allowed but must be purchased through a reputable company and properly sealed once remains are inside. Cremation monuments must meet the size limits listed in this document.

Cremation urns that are buried will be placed between two and three feet in front of the headstone. There should be at least eighteen (18) inches of ground above the buried vault (or the cremation urn) so proper turf maintenance is enhanced and surface care is limited.

Cremation urns should be made of unbreakable material that can withstand ground pressure and moisture; bronze is an excellent choice. As an accommodation, urns are readily available from the funeral home. Urns of china, glass, plastic, wood or household containers are not recommended.

Burial of cremated remains will be done through a licensed funeral home and not by a private individual.

OTHER REGULATIONS

The cemetery shall be closed to the public after dark.

There shall be no winter wreaths on the cemetery prior to October 15th or after April 15th.

Flower urns may be placed only on full-sized plots. The maximum height of metal, wood, cement or stone urns shall not exceed twenty-six (26) inches and the base or the top of which shall not exceed eighteen (18) inches square or eighteen (18) inches in diameter. Urn means a vase-like container used only for planting of live plants. Only one urn shall be permitted per plot and must be placed on the back side of the headstone where other flowers may be planted.

Wire basket-type plant holders shall not exceed thirty-one (31) inches in height or eighteen (18) inches in diameter at top or base and shall be removed from the cemetery between October 1st and May 1st. There shall be a limit of one such planter per grave plot.

Placement of memorial grave blankets is not permitted.

PRICE OF GRAVE PLOTS

The price per grave plot shall be Six Hundred ($600.00) Dollars.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2026.

Dean Anhalt - Chairperson

Gordon Augustine - Supervisor

Lee Stefaniak - Supervisor

Connie Tesarik - Clerk