

**LONG CREEK TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES**  
**2610 SALEM SCHOOL RD.**  
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**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

*AS REVISED BY THE LONG CREEK TOWNSHIP CEMETERY TRUSTEES*  
*June 22, 2017*

**GRADING, PLANTING, ETC.**

**SECTION 1.** The Trustees have no wish to interfere with the taste of any individual in regard to the style of their improvement, but, in justice to the interest of the community, the Trustees reserve the right of prevention or removal of any structure or object which they shall deem injurious to the general good appearance of the grounds, and particularly of adjoining lots.

**SECTION 2.** To prevent injury to the adjoining lots, and to preserve the beauty of the grounds, no trees, shrubs, or artificial decorations, stands, benches, or other structures shall be planted or placed on graves or lots. Decorations (with the exception of battery/solar operated lights) and flowers (live or artificial) shall be limited to placement on grave stone or grave heads. Battery/solar operated lights *will not* be allowed in the cemetery. The Cemetery does not accept responsibility for the loss of flowers or decorations. *(Amended August 16, 2013)*

**SECTION 3.** Boxes, shells, toys, flower containers, tools, etc. scattered on graves or lots are inconsistent with the proper keeping of the grounds and will not be permitted. No hangers or vases will be permitted unless they are part of the stone.

**SECTION 4.** Pets are not allowed in the Cemetery. Out of respect for those interred in our cemeteries, we will not allow walking of dogs, or any other pet, or horseback riding, in our cemeteries. Legal action will be taken against violators.

**SECTION 5.** No coping, fence, stand, bench, or other structure, or enclosure of any kind, will be permitted on burial lots, or any line of demarcation between lots.

**SECTION 6.** All surplus dirt on grass from excavation of vaults, graves, monuments or any other source will be used by the Cemetery.

**SECTION 7.** All persons are prohibited from plucking flowers, either wild or cultivated, breaking or injuring any tree, plant or shrub, or in any way injuring any monument, vault or other structure.

**SECTION 8.** To prevent any unnecessary injury, no glass of any kind will be permitted on or around any of the burial lots including gravestones and monuments. Any request for an exception or variance in the rules, and regulations herein must be approved in advance, in writing, by the full board of Cemetery Trustees of Long Creek Township.

**MARKERS, MONUMENTS AND GRAVES**

**SECTION 9.** In order to maintain the appearance of the Cemetery grounds to the highest standard, all foundations for stones and markers shall be installed by the Custodian or professional installer, who has been approved by the Cemetery Trustees.

**SECTION 10.** Mounds over graves will not be permitted. The grade of the lots must be not less than three (3) inches and not more than (10) inches. The Trustees must approve any variance in height.

**SECTION 11.** Foundations for monuments shall be at least three (3) feet deep. Long Creek Township Cemetery prefers that smaller monuments be at least two (2) feet into the ground, which includes all brass plaques. If a brass plaque is placed in our cemetery on a floating foundation, Long Creek Township Cemetery is not responsible for any theft, sinking of plaque, or any damage to plaque done by normal cemetery maintenance. *(Amended January 8, 2009)*

**SECTION 12.** The tops of all stones and markers placed at the foot of any grave shall be level with the ground surface. All foundations and granite caps must be level with the ground surface. The extension of the foundation under all stones and markers shall be not less than four (4) inches and not more than six (6) inches larger than the horizontal area of the base of the stones or markers placed thereon. Cemetery Trustees reserve the right to insure base and markers are installed according to regulations. *(Amended June 22, 2017)*

**SECTION 13.** The Cemetery Custodian, or representative approved by the Cemetery Trustees, shall do all grave openings and closings. All burials must be in concrete enclosures.

**SECTION 14.** Cremations must be in a closed container. Two (2) cremations can be buried in one space. One (1) vault and one (1) cremation can be buried in one space. *Two vaults buried in one cemetery space is not allowed. Scattering of ashes will not be permitted within the Cemeteries.* Burials of two individual's remains in the same burial space is allowed whether they are performed together or on separate occasions. One burial space may be purchased for the two separate burials and charges are for **two** burials if:

1. Burial of an infant vault and a regular vault are in the same space.
2. If there are two separate cremation burials.

There will be only **one** burial charge if:

1. There are two cremains in one urn and only one opening and closing.
2. There are cremains placed in a regular vault burial then you would only pay one vault burial fee.

*(Amended November 22, 2011)*

**SECTION 15.** Artificial flowers and urns are prohibited in the Cemeteries from April until November, with the exception of Easter, Memorial Day, Mothers Day, and Fathers Day. Artificial flowers shall be limited to seven (7) days during these said holidays. This will include the four (4) days before each said holiday through the second (2) day after said holiday. If not removed by the third (3) day after said holiday, they will be removed by the Cemetery Custodian and destroyed. Grave blankets must be removed by March 15.

**SECTION 16.** Mausoleums are prohibited in any Long Creek Township Cemetery. There shall be no external free-standing monument enclosing the interment space or burial chamber of a deceased person or people whether by a vault burial or a cremation. (This includes a columbarium for cremations.) *(Amended October 18, 2013)*

## **CEMETERY RECORDS**

**SECTION 17.** Records of lots, spaces purchased, and burial permits are the property of the Cemetery. The Cemetery must be notified of a change of address, and the selling and transferring of lots.

**SECTION 18.** Every possible privilege will be freely extended to lot holders and other visitors who conduct themselves becomingly. A Cemetery, however, is neither a playground nor a public park, but is the last resting place of departed family and friends. The property of the Cemeteries will be preserved, and well-disposed persons will confer a favor upon all concerned by informing the Cemetery Trustees of any breach of these regulations or decorum that may be under their notice, so that such offenders may be vigorously punished. *(Amended October 23, 2009)*

## ***LONG CREEK TOWNSHIP CEMETERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES***

**ALL CEMETERIES ARE CLOSED AT DUSK**