

CHAPTER 10

CEMETERY

ARTICLE I – GENERALLY

10-1-1 TRUST ESTABLISHED. A trust shall be established to provide for the perpetual care and maintenance of the Village cemetery and all of the individual lots contained therein.

The trust shall be perpetual with only the interest therefrom being used for the aforementioned purposes.

The trust shall be administered by the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village pursuant to **760 ILCS 100/3**, as amended.

10-1-2 SALE OF LOTS. No less than **one-half (1/2)** of all funds received by the Village from the sale of cemetery lots shall be placed into said trust until the corpus thereof equals **Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500.00)**. (**Ord. No. 2015-06; 09-14-15**)

The Village may place other funds from any lawful source into said trust at any time if necessary to assure the adequate care and maintenance of the cemetery.

10-1-3 GIFTS. Any gift, grant, bequest, devise or other contribution received by the Village for the specialized care and maintenance of any cemetery lots or lots shall be placed in said trust, and the interest therefrom shall be used solely for the purposes specified in said gift, grant, bequest, devise or other contribution.

Any funds placed in the trust pursuant to this Section shall not be considered in determining the corpus amount specified in **Section 10-1-2** unless the purpose of the gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other contribution is to benefit the cemetery as a whole. (**Ord. No. 340; 11-03-75**)

10-1-4	GRAVE PRICES.	The prices for graves shall be as follows:
(A)	1 Lot: 20' x 10'	\$1,000.00
(B)	½ Lot: 10' x 10'	\$500.00
(C)	Single Grave: 2.5' x 10'	\$250.00

10-1-5 CEMETERY SEXTON. There is hereby created the office of Cemetery Sexton. The Cemetery Sexton shall be appointed for a term of **one (1) year** by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Village Board of Trustees at the first regular meeting in May. The Cemetery Sexton shall perform the duties as may be prescribed by the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees. (**Ord. No. 2015-06; 09-14-15**)

ARTICLE II – REGULATIONS

10-2-1 APPLICATION OF VILLAGE LAWS. All provisions of the Village Code now in force or hereafter enacted, relating to and defining public offenses in the Village shall, insofar as the same shall be applicable, be in full force and effect in the Village Cemeteries.

10-2-2 TRESPASS, LOITERING; EXCEPTIONS. It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter or trespass upon lots and graves of the Village Cemeteries or for the parent or guardian of any child under the age of **sixteen (16)** to permit such child to be within the cemetery grounds unless accompanied by an adult person. Provided, nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit any person having lawful business in the cemetery in connection with improvement thereof or persons visiting the graves of relatives or friends from being in the cemetery in accordance with the rules.

10-2-3 RUBBISH; DEBRIS. It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of any rubbish, trash, waste materials, litter, or debris of any kind in the Village Cemeteries.

10-2-4 PROPERTY DAMAGE. No person shall remove, molest, injure, mar, deface, throw down or destroy any headstone, monument, survey marker, corner marker or decoration on any cemetery lot in said cemetery or open, disturb or molest any grave or place of burial therein. This shall not prohibit acts by cemetery officers and Village employees, or public officials, in carrying out their duties.

10-2-5 RULES AND REGULATIONS. The following regulations shall apply to the Village Cemeteries:

(A) No planting of live trees, shrubs, and plants are permitted. No decorative rock or edging is permitted. It shall be prohibited to place flowers in glass jars or tin cans upon the graves.

(B) Flowers shall be placed in holders attached to the headstone or the base. They may not be placed in the grass or dirt. Shepherd hooks are allowed if mounted against the base. Exceptions: November – January to allow for Christmas flowers and grave blankets. The week directly preceding and following Easter to allow for Easter Flowers and crosses; and holidays recognizing the armed forces to allow for flags and memorials (i.e. Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day). Decorations that interfere with cemetery maintenance will be removed at the discretion of the caretaker or Village employee maintaining the cemetery. Funeral designs and floral pieces placed upon the grave will be removed as soon as they become unsightly.

(C) All graves purchased include Perpetual Care. See definition **Section 10-2-6.**

(D) There shall be no more than **two (2) burials** per **two and one-half feet by ten feet (2.5’ x 10’)** grave space. One casket and one cremated remains or two cremated remains. The fee for the first grave opening for each grave space is included in the purchase price of the grave. The fee of the second grave opening of a same grave space shall be **One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)**. The fee for a disinterment shall be **Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$225.00)**. Exception: In the event that a minor child is cremated, the remains may be placed on top of the single parent grave at a grave opening fee of **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)**.

10-2-6 PERPETUAL CARE. This term, in regard to the Village cemetery lots, shall be defined as follows:

(A) To keep the graves on the lot or lots properly filled and graded.

(B) To sow the lot or lots with lawn grass, which shall be attended, cut, and kept free of weeds, vines and trash.

(C) To keep the markers or headstones on the lot or lots in proper place, in alignment, and on proper foundations.

(D) The usual and customary upkeep of cemetery lots.

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