

SOLWAY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Adopted 11/12/2024)

Purpose: It is the intent and desire of the Solway Board of Supervisors to provide an attractive and peaceful cemetery environment affording comfort and solace to decedents' family and friends.

100.00 Lot Ownership

- .01 One lot shall only be available for any deceased Solway resident, who is or has lived in the township, at no charge.
- .02 Rights to lots shall not be transferable.
- .03 Lots shall not be reserved prior to a death, except the parent of a dependent child, a dependent child, or spouse of an interred person.

200.00 Interments

- .01 Burials must comply with applicable State of Minnesota regulations regarding burials.
- .02 All casket burials must be made within an approved sealed container (vault) of concrete or fiberglass.
- .03 Burials are restricted to human remains only.
- .04 No single grave may contain more than three urns of cremations or the remains of one body and two cremation urns.
- .05 **A \$100 burial/administrative fee is required** for all burials, which fee shall include the interment of cremains by township staff.
- .06 Families are responsible for the cost of casket interments.

300.00 Grave Markers/Monuments/Memorials

- .01 A permanent grave marker is required within one year of burial, indicating the deceased person's full name. The month and year of birth, and the month and year of death are strongly recommended. At the time of burial, a deposit is required, which will be used to purchase a marker if the family fails to provide one. The deposit is waived upon verification of purchase of a marker. **The current deposit is \$300.**
- .02 All costs incurred for grave markers/monuments and installation of such, shall be the financial responsibility of the family. Township personnel shall determine location of placement of monuments and interments.
- .03 All grave markers are and shall remain the property of the owner, and the financial responsibility for maintenance and liability shall remain with the owner. Solway Township shall not be held responsible for theft or damage to grave markers.
- .04 One above ground monument and one ground level marker are allowed per gravesite. Where multiple interments are located within the same gravesite, a ground level marker shall be allowed for each individual interred. When selecting monuments, please preserve size with adjacent gravesites. Recommended maximum monument sizes - Companion gravesite: Base 48" wide and tablet 24" high, for total of 30" above ground. Single gravesite: Base 36" wide and tablet 24" high, for total of 30" above ground. Cremation markers: 1' x 2' in size, installed at ground level.

400.00 Baskets/Flowers/Decorations

- .01 No live trees, shrubs, plants or flowers shall be allowed.
- .02 Baskets shall be of standard design and shall weigh no more than 30 pounds.
- .03 Artificial flowers and decorations in movable containers are permitted.
- .04 Care and maintenance of baskets/flowers/decorations shall be the responsibility of the owner.
- .05 Baskets/flowers/decorations shall be allowed May 1st through September 30th. After that date, they shall be removed/discarded by cemetery personnel.
- .06 Solar lights are permitted year-round in a size and style conducive to maintaining the cemetery ambience.

500.00 Cemetery Maintenance

- .01 Cemetery grounds shall be maintained by township personnel on a regular basis as weather permits.
- .02 Cemetery personnel are authorized to remove any article determined objectionable.

600.00 Amendments

- .01 This document shall remain in full effect and enforcement until revoked, withdrawn or amended.
- .02 Amendments to this document shall be effective upon approval of the Solway Town Board and shall then be posted at township designated posting sites.