

PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NUMBER 146

AMENDMENT TO PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY ORDINANCE

Adopted: June 12, 2013

Effective: July 20, 2013

An Ordinance to amend the Prairieville Township Cemetery Ordinance by the amendment of Section 2 pertaining to definitions' Section 3 pertaining to sale of lots or burial spaces, Section 5 pertaining to grave opening charges, Section 6 pertaining to markers or memorials and by the repeal of all Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PRAIRIEVILLE,

BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDAINS:

SECTION 1

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2 OF
PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY ORDINANCE

Section 2 of the Prairieville Township Cemetery ordinance, being Ordinance No. 52, is hereby amended to read as follows:

DEFINITIONS

- A. A cemetery lot shall consist of burial space sufficient to accommodate from one to five burial spaces in the Prairieville Cemetery and from one to eight spaces in the Cressey Cemetery.
- B. Regular burial spaces are limited to one (1) person per space.
- C. Combination spaces are limited to one regular burial and one cremation per space or 2 cremations per space.
- D. Cremation spaces shall be one space and are limited to cremations. Each space is limited to no more than eight cremations per space, with the headstone limited to a width of four feet and placed in line with all other headstones. Additional markers may be placed over the cremations as long as they are flush with the ground. Cremation spaces are designated as such by the Township Clerk and are available at both Prairieville Cemetery and Cressey Cemetery.
- E. Resident shall be a person residing within Prairieville Township.
- F. Non Resident shall be a person residing elsewhere outside of Prairieville Township.

SECTION 2

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3 OF PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY ORDINANCE

Section 3 of the Prairieville Township Cemetery ordinance, being Ordinance No. 52, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SALES OF LOTS OR BURIAL SPACES

- A. Burial rights may be sold to residents or taxpayers of the Township as well as non-residents by the Township Clerk. No sale shall be made to funeral directors or others than as heretofore set forth.
- B. All such sales shall be made on a form approved by the Township Board, which grants a right of burial only and does not convey any other title to the lot or burial space sold. Such form shall be executed by the Township Clerk.
- C. Burial rights shall not be sold to another individual.
- D. Burial rights can be transferred to another individual only upon written request to and approval of the Township Clerk.
- E. No burial shall occur until the space has been paid for in advance.

SECTION 3

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 5 OF PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY ORDINANCE

Section 5 of the Prairieville Township Cemetery ordinance, being Ordinance No. 52, is hereby amended to read as follows:

GRAVE OPENING CHARGES

- A. The Township Board is hereby given the authority to establish by resolution at any regular public meeting the fee that may be charged by the Township per grave opening and closing of any burial space, prior and following a burial therein, and including the interment of ashes. This charge may be paid by the estate of the deceased and made payable to Prairieville Township. The Township Board shall further have the right to amend the aforementioned resolution from time to time as the Township Board deems appropriate.
- B. No burial space shall be opened and closed except under the direction and control of the cemetery Sexton. This provision shall not apply to proceedings for the removal and re-interment of bodies and remains, which matters are under the supervision of the local health department.

SECTION 4

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6 OF PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY ORDINANCE

Section 6 of the Prairieville Township Cemetery ordinance, being Ordinance No. 52, is hereby amended to read as follows:

MARKERS OR MEMORIALS

- A. All markers or memorials must be of stone or other equally durable composition.
- B. Any large upright monuments must be located upon a suitable solid foundation to maintain the same in an erect position.
- C. Only one family monument, marker or memorial is permitted for each burial lot. Only one monument, marker or memorial shall be permitted per burial space. Markers are allowed over cremations as long as they are flush to the ground and do not hinder ground maintenance.
- D. No one other than the Sexton shall install foundations.

SECTION 5

EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days following the publication of notice of adoption of this Ordinance. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

TED DEVRIES, Clerk
Prairieville Township