

## PLANTINGS, DECORATIONS & DISPLAYS

The following restrictions apply:

1. **No ground plantings, decorative stone, wood chips or loose artificial material will be allowed.**
2. **Wreaths, flower urns, single hooks holding one (1) basket, and ornamental statues, shall be limited to one (1) per grave and must be placed on either side or immediately in front of the marker. Two (2) flower urns may be used, one on each side, or directly in front of a marker designating multiple burials.**
3. **Bouquets of cut flowers in an appropriate receptacle, not directly in the soil, shall be limited to one (1) per grave and must be aligned with or immediately in front of the marker.**
4. **Plantings, decorations and displays in excess of these restrictions will be removed and disposed of by Village personnel.**

As soon as flowers, wreaths, displays, etc. used at funerals or placed on graves at other times become faded or unsightly, they will be removed. Responsibility for the same will not be assumed by the Village of Lawton or its' personnel. All winter wreaths and decorations must be removed by April 15<sup>th</sup> **each year**, to allow for the spring clean up of cemetery grounds. After that date, the winter decorations will be removed by the Village personnel.

## MISCELLANEOUS

There shall be no loitering on the cemetery grounds.

**Pets are not permitted within the cemetery.**

The diamond-shaped sections between the circles or part-circles are not platted and are reserved by the Village for the planting of shrubbery and trees.

The possession of firearms and air-rifles within the cemetery grounds is forbidden, except that military or other patriotic organizations may carry arms for the purpose of firing a salute over the grave at the burial of a member, or in the observance of Memorial Day.

The use of recreational vehicles within the cemetery is prohibited.

**The sexton and his assistants shall have the right to trap and dispose of dogs, cats and other predatory animals within the cemetery grounds when, in their judgment, such is necessary for the best interests of the cemetery.**

Cemetery records shall be complete in detail and open to public inspection during normal working days upon sufficient notification. They shall contain information as to the ownership of lots and all grave locations.

The Village Clerk and the sexton shall have complete records, and the sexton shall be responsible for keeping the same up-to-date.

Approved: June 1, 2022

Effective: Immediately

## **CEMETERY REGULATIONS PERSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 45 (ADOPTED FEBRUARY 14, 1995) OAK GROVE CEMETERY**

These regulations, pursuant to Lawton Village Ordinance No. 45, are for the management and control of Oak Grove Cemetery and are subject to change as revisions are deemed appropriate by the Village Council under the terms of said Ordinance.

The intent is to guard and preserve the rights and interest of all grave owners and to keep attractive the grounds, where, in quiet dignity, are placed the mortal remains of loved ones.

### FORWARD

Oak Grove is a perpetual care cemetery. The term "perpetual care" is intended to cover the basic care of the graves therein: cleaning in the spring, mowing and trimming the grass at reasonable intervals during the summer, removing leaves in the fall and such care of shrubs and trees as may be necessary.

It is intended that this care shall continue forever without further charge to any grave owner(s), unless changed by the Village Council at some future date. At the present time, the cost of this perpetual care is partially covered by the grave charge and the grave opening fees, with the Village of Lawton contributing the remainder.

### GRAVES

The price of graves shall be: **\$500.00**, each Village of Lawton resident **\$1,200.00**, each non-resident.

**Resident price applies for personal use only by a Village of Lawton resident**

**and/or an immediate family member and is limited to the number of persons living in the household at the time of purchase.**

Graves are sold only on a cash basis and purchases are made through the Village Clerk's office.

Graves may be conveyed by deed, issued by the Cemetery Sextant, their families or heirs, a burial place forever, subject to such rules and regulations as are now in force or may be adopted from time to time by the Cemetery Board or Village Council.

Any owner, having no further use for any grave(s), may dispose of the same only through the Cemetery Board at the original purchase price.

Owners of graves shall have the right to give permission, by written order, for the burial of the remains of other than their immediate families, but not for profit.

No more than one regular burial shall be made in the same grave, except of an adult and an infant. Additionally, cremations may be interred as space allows.

**No grave site shall be used for other than the burial of human remains.**

#### GRAVE OPENINGS

Grave openings are priced as follows:

Resident: **\$500.00**

NonResident: **\$600.00**

Children: **\$350.00**

Weekend: **\$200.00** (additional)

Winter: **\$300.00** (additional)

Cremation (**per person interred**):

Resident: **\$200.00**

Non Resident: **\$300.00**

Holiday: **\$400.00** (additional)

**Weekday services arriving at the cemetery after 3:00 p.m. will be subject to an overtime charge of \$75.00.**

#### **Fees must be paid at the time of burial.**

When a grave opening is ordered, it is important that the precise location be given by either a family member or the Funeral Director handling arrangements; the Cemetery Board cannot be held responsible for any misunderstanding.

Notice for grave openings should be given at least 24 hours in advance of the time scheduled for the burial.

No burial shall be made in Oak Grove Cemetery (other than for cremation) without the use of an outer burial receptacle that meets national standards.

**No person other than a Village employee or a Village contractor shall open any grave site or do any excavating within the cemetery.**

#### MONUMENTS AND MARKERS

The use of granite, **marble or bronze** for monuments is suggested and strongly urged, since they are highly durable and long-lasting materials. The choice, however, of the material used remains the prerogative of the purchaser.

Upright grave markers shall be limited to one per grave; placed at the head of the grave and in alignment with all others. Any additional markers for multiple burials on one grave site shall be flush with the turf.

The placement of a family monument for multiple graves is subject to approval by the cemetery sexton.

All monuments and grave markers must be located on a suitable foundation, two (2) inches on all sides larger than the monument or marker's base.

All foundations will be built by the Village or monument company. Village-built foundations will be billed per square inch at a price that is determined from time to time.

#### GROUND MAINTENANCE

**The Village-appointed Sexton will supervise all maintenance work, burials, setting of memorial markers, and the general care of the cemetery such as mowing, pruning and removal of trees/shrubs and ground clean up.**

**Any improvement contemplated by a grave owner shall be first discussed with the sexton for consideration and approval.**

**No grave, lot or parcel of land shall be defined by any fence, railing, edging, hedge, flower-border, embankment or depression. No grading, leveling or excavation upon any grave is allowed.**