

RESTLAND CEMETERY BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, OHIO

COLUMBARIUM

POLICY, RULES, REGULATIONS

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OWNERSHIP OF COLUMBARIUM NICHES

- 1) The following persons are qualified to own a maximum of two (2) columbarium niches per family household, purchased at the resident rate, as reflected in the current fee schedule:
 - 1) Any person who, on the date of purchase, is and, for three years or more immediately preceding such date, has been a resident of Bainbridge Township;
 - 2) Any person who is a former resident of Bainbridge Township who owns property in Bainbridge Township;
 - 3) Any person in Military Service who lived in Bainbridge Township for a minimum of fifteen (15) years;
 - 4) A representative of the estate of any person who was eligible under the preceding qualifications.
- 2) All other persons are qualified to own a maximum of one (1) columbarium niche per family household, purchased at the non-resident rate, as reflected in the current fee schedule.
- 3) A Bainbridge Township Deed for Cemetery Lot (“Deed”) is issued by Bainbridge Township to the owner of a columbarium niche(s).
 - a) The Deed to a columbarium niche conveys only the right of burial.
 - b) The grantee shall notify Bainbridge Township, in writing, of any subsequent changes in the name or address of any persons to who columbarium niche(s) ownership would descend.
 - c) Any person who receives a Bainbridge Township cemetery columbarium niche by gift, inheritance, or any other means other than the original conveyance shall, within one year after receiving the interest, provide written notice of their name and address to Bainbridge Township, and shall notify Bainbridge Township of any subsequent changes in their name or address.
 - d) If a columbarium niche is voluntarily vacated or the right to bury is relinquished, all rights with respect to said columbarium niche reverts to Bainbridge Township, which will refund the Owner payment to the owner at the rate specified in the fee schedule.
 - e) Bainbridge Township shall have right of reentry to columbarium niche ownership:
 - (1) If the notification requirements are not met.
 - (2) If the owner or a member of the owner’s immediate family has not used the columbarium niche within fifty (50) years.
 - f) At least ninety days before establishing reentry or terminating ownership, Bainbridge Township shall send a notice, by certified mail, to the last known owner at the owner’s last known address to inform the owner that the owner’s interest in the lot will cease unless the notification requirements are met or ownership is renewed. If the owner’s address is unknown and cannot reasonably be obtained, it is sufficient to publish the notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.
- 4) Exceptions to the above must be made by written request to Bainbridge Township for review.

BURIAL RULES

- 1) .
- 2) Burials shall be scheduled a minimum of 48 hours in advance. Scheduling requests shall be directed to Bainbridge Township at 440-543-9871 during regular business hours .
- 3) Burial fees shall be paid two business days prior to burial.
- 4) Burial schedule:
 - a) Normal burial hours are before 2:00 PM, Monday through Saturday.
- 5) Burials shall not be scheduled on Sunday or Holidays.
- 6) No burial shall be made unless the body or remains is accompanied by a burial/cremation permit.
- 7) Cremations shall use a non-breakable/fragile container (example: marble, plastic or metal).
- 8) The content of each columbarium niche is limited to a maximum of two cremation urns. Urns shall be sized to permit use of the niche to its stated capacity. **The dimensions of a columbarium niche are 12” high, 12” wide and 14” deep.**
- 9) Only human remains shall be buried.
- 10) No other objects are permitted in a niche other than urns.
- 11) All cemetery activities shall be performed by personnel authorized by Bainbridge Township.

DISINTERMENT RULES

- 1) Disinterment schedule:
 - a) The township shall receive one (1) week’s notice for disinterment.
 - b) Disinterment shall be limited to weekdays only.
- 2) Disinterment shall be before 2 PM, Monday through Friday Remains shall not be removed without written consent of Bainbridge Township and the surviving spouse or the next of kin of the deceased with legal rights. See Ohio Revised Code section 517.23 and 517.24 for details. If such consent cannot be obtained, the remains shall not be removed.
- 3) The family shall be responsible for the cost of replacing the outer panel if engraved.
- 4) All cemetery activities shall be performed by personnel authorized by Bainbridge Township.

NICHE COVER INSCRIPTIONS

- 1) Inscription on the covers of a niche shall be of uniform design as specified by Bainbridge Township. A completed Inscription form, indicating the name(s) and date(s) , shall be attached to the Deed. Bainbridge Township shall arrange for the removal and inscription of the niche cover, at the current inscription fee.

LANDSCAPING AND DECORATIONS

- 1) The use of any ornamentation on or proximate to any niche is prohibited. Any unauthorized ornamentation, planting, decoration or other item shall be removed by Bainbridge Township.

RULES OF CONDUCT

- 1) No person shall deposit any debris or waste material of any kind at any place within the Bainbridge Township cemeteries except in receptacles provided therefore.
- 2) No animals of any kind, except for guide dogs or other animals used in the assistance of disabled individuals are permitted within any of the Bainbridge Township cemeteries.
- 3) All vehicles shall be parked so that all tires of such vehicles shall be located on the hard surface of the cemetery roadway.
- 4) Gravestone rubbings (the practice of creating an image of surface features of a stone on paper by rubbing a rendering material over the paper) are strictly prohibited without the authorization of the township.

Note: If there are questions, please contact Bainbridge Township. If there are specific requests, they must be presented in writing to Bainbridge Township for review. These rules and regulations are subject to change.

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