

**RULES GOVERNING THE OPERATION**  
of  
**MT. HOPE AND PARMELEE CEMETERIES**  
Thornapple Township, Middleville, Michigan  
Effective May 13, 2024

(all prices and/or fees along with these rules may be amended at any time without notification)

1. **LOT SALES:** Burial sites will be sold in multiples of two, next in line and contiguous to each other. Sites can be sold individually with extenuating circumstances and will be considered on a case by case basis.
2. **PAYMENT:** Lots must be paid for on date of purchase. Methods of payment accepted are cash or check payable to the Thornapple Township.

**Cemetery Lot Rates**

**Thornapple Township Residents**

- \$850.00 per standard lot (*not more than 1 full burial **or** 2 cremations*)
- \$450.00 per cremation lot (*not more than 1 cremation*)

**Non-Residents**

- \$1,200.00 per standard lot for non-residents (*not more than 1 full burial or 2 cremains*)
- \$650.00 per cremation lot for non-residents (*not more than 1 cremation*)

**Columbarium Niche Rates**

**Thornapple Township Residents**

- \$875.00 + bronze memorial plaque \$750 (must be ordered through Thornapple Twp.)

**Non-Residents**

- \$1,175.00 + bronze memorial plaque \$750 (must be ordered through Thornapple Twp.)

Note: In the instance of immediate burial need, any additional lot(s) for resident minor children may be purchased at the current resident approved rate.

**Open/Close Fees**

- \$250.00 for cremains
- \$650 for full burial
- \$250 for Columbarium

An extra \$150.00 fee is added to these prices if burial takes place **AFTER** 4:00 p.m. during the week, on weekends and holidays; and also during winter (November through April) burials.

3. **FOUNDATIONS:** Foundations for monuments and markers must be constructed by the Sexton. Foundations will not be installed until lots are paid for in full.

### **Monument Foundations – standard lots**

- 50 cents per square inch, with a minimum charge of \$250.00.
- \$150.00 maximum fee for a military veteran's bronze plaque foundation.
- All foundations will be 24 inches deep with a 4 inch border on all sides of the monument.
- Urns may be placed in line with monuments only. All urns not used for 2 years will be stored on the premises.

### **Monument foundations –cremation lots**

- 50 cents per square inch, with a minimum charge of \$150.00.
- All foundations will be 12 inches deep with a 4 inch border on all sides of the monument.
- Memorial markers shall not be larger in area than 24" X 24" and must be placed level with the surrounding ground. The marker may be of a permanent granite or suitable (bronze) material

4. **TRANSFER of OWNERSHIP:** The transfer of ownership of burial rights for any lot is \$50 per transfer to cover processing expenses.
5. **INTERMENT:** All interments shall be made by the cemetery Sexton. Only vaults constructed for permanent duration may be used. No plastic or fiberglass vaults will be allowed.
  - All interments shall be placed at least 18 inches below ground level within a container of the deceased's estate/survivor's specifications.
  - Not more than one interment of cremains may be made within one cremains lot.
  - Not more than two interments of cremains may be made within one standard lot.
6. **PLANTINGS:**
  - All plantings of trees or shrubs are discouraged. However, if approved by the Sexton, all plantings must be of a dwarf variety. The Sexton must approve removal of existing trees and shrubs. The use of decorative stones or bark is prohibited and will be removed by the Sexton
  - Ornaments, shrubs, or trees are prohibited on the Cremain lot. Seasonable flowers in a suitable container are permitted. If not removed by the close of the growing season, it will be removed and disposed of by the Sexton by on or around October 31. Winter cleanup of dead/plastic flowers, etc. will be done on or around April 1 of each year.
  - Sexton: Wickham Cemetery Care – 269-795-7202

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