



Section 17. Decoration of Gravesites

In order to preserve a peaceful, sacred resting place at Ridgelawn Cemetery, decorations must be done in a way that does not create a safety hazard, impede proper maintenance, infringe on other graves, offend others or diminish the character of the cemetery.

- a. A single grave may consist of only the following;
 - a. A foundation
 - b. A Headstone
 - c. Up to 2 urns properly installed on the foundation
 - d. Flowers placed inside the urns and may exceed the height of the headstone
 - e. Foundations may be extended by using one single concrete paver or patio block not to exceed the width (front to back) of the current foundation or to extend past the lot boundaries. Urns with flowers may be placed on this extension.
 - f. Flower saddles on top of the headstone only
 - g. Winter grave blankets and wreaths are permitted only between the dates of October 16th to March 30th.
 - h. Any and all additional embellishments must be placed on the foundation without overhang and shall not exceed the height of the headstone.
 - i. Excessive or unsightly embellishments may be subject to removal by cemetery management.
 - j. One flag holder and flag will be permitted for the grave of each veteran whose last service was honorable and is interred in Ridgelawn Cemetery. Veteran flags will be proudly displayed annually from May until October fall cleanup.

Any items that do not comply with the above may be removed by cemetery management.

- b. Lighting of any kind is prohibited. This includes but not limited to candles, solar lights, battery operated lighting, flashlights, etc.
- c. Ground plantings of any kind are strictly prohibited.
- d. Landscaping borders, bricks and rocks are strictly prohibited.
- e. The Village reserves the right to remove or trim any existing trees, plants or shrubs located within the cemetery in the interest of maintaining proper appearance and the use of the cemetery.

- f. Cemetery Cleanup is April 1st through the 15th and October 1st through the 15th. At this time any and all existing embellishments shall be considered abandoned and may be disposed of by cemetery management.
- g. Bereavement time will be honored up to 60 days from the date of burial. During this time, additional decorations and flowers may be placed anywhere on the grave. After 60 days, any item that still remains on the grave that does not comply with the above rules and regulations will be removed by cemetery management.

Section 18. Authority of the Village Management to Remove Unauthorized or Unlawful Items from Ridgelawn Cemetery

Any monument, marker, planting, trellis, personal item, urn, flowers or foliage (whether real or artificial), structure, flag (except for lawful veterans flags), or other item that has been placed, installed, left or maintained in the cemetery in violation of this Ordinance, any Village rule or regulation regarding the cemetery, or any county, state or federal law, statute or regulation may be removed by the Village from the cemetery at any time and destroyed or disposed of by the Village without any prior notice to, permission from, or liability or obligation to the person or persons who left, installed, maintained or kept such item in the cemetery.

We, the undersigned, President and Clerk of the Village of Breckenridge, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance, amendments to Section 17 and Section 18 of Ordinance No. 169 of the Village of Breckenridge, Michigan, was introduced at a regular meeting of the Village Council, held on October 22, 2018 and was thereafter passed at a regular meeting on November 26, 2018, at least two weeks elapsing between the introduction and the enactment.

Dated at Breckenridge, Michigan.

SS; Charles D. Seeley
President

SS; Bridget M. McPherson
Clerk