

Oak Grove Cemetery Ordinances

MAINTENANCE OF GRAVE LOTS 91.09

(A) Fences, hedges, posts, decorative stone, mulch, glass objects of any kind, solar powered lights, wind socks, pin wheels, mailboxes, stepping stones and enclosures of any kind around graves and lots are prohibited.

(B) Grave blankets shall be allowed from November 1 to March 1. After March 1, the city has the right to remove any grave blankets remaining. Cut, artificial, and/or potted flowers must be in an urn suitable for containing flowers and shall be placed on either side of the monument or headstone but not on the grave or in the walkway so that it will not impede mowing or maintenance. No glass containers or glass items of any kind will be permitted around graves.

(C) Flags may be displayed at graves on holidays but must be removed within one week.

(D) Sod shall not be removed from the tops of the graves.

(E) Trees, shrubbery, rose bushes and vines are prohibited on lots and graves. No Trees or shrubbery will be planted in the Cemetery except by the City.

(F) Private plantings must be maintained or be subject to removal by the city.

(G) No *ADDITIONAL* graveside benches will be permitted in Oak Grove after 6-15-2016. Existing benches may remain and are encouraged to be placed in a position that promotes ease of maintenance of gravesites.

(H) Decorative items shall be removed from the cemetery and disposed of without notice if not maintained to such a degree that they become, in the opinion of the City, potentially dangerous or unsightly.

DESTROYING OR CUTTING SHRUBBERY 91.15

No person shall cut down, hack, injure, or destroy any shrub, plant, vine, or tree within the limits of the cemetery except by permission of the Public Works Director or the arborist, and then only under the personal supervision of a city employee.

CREMATIONS URNS 91.06

(B) *Cremation urns.*

(1) Cremation urns must be made of metal, fiberglass, ceramic or a material acceptable by the Public Works Director. No cardboard boxes or wood containers will be allowed.

(2) Two cremation burials will be permitted in a single grave area. Additional such burials may be allowed in special cases with permission obtained from the Public Works Director.

DRIVING OVER GROUNDS 91.10

No person shall ride or drive any vehicles in or upon any part of any city cemetery other than the drives, except by permission and with the personal direction of cemetery personnel.

PETS PROHIBITED 91.11

No pets shall be permitted in Oak Grove Cemetery unless being utilized specifically as a service animal.

SPEED LIMIT ESTABLISHED 91.12

The speed limit on all drives in Oak Grove Cemetery is ten miles per hour.

MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERY 91.13

(A) Oak Grove Cemetery shall be under the control of the Public Works Director. He or she shall maintain the drives and fences and keep in generally good condition all burial lots and grassed areas.

(B) The City's Arborist shall be responsible for planting and maintaining any and all trees.

PENALTY 91.99

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each day's continued violation shall be a separate offense.

See Chapter 91 for all City Ordinances related to Oak Grove Cemetery at:
www.bgohio.org

This document is for reference only.

City of Bowling Green, Ohio

OAK GROVE CEMETERY ORDINANCES & REGULATIONS



City of Bowling Green
Department of Public Works

(419) 354-6227
www.bgohio.org Effective 12-21-18

Oak Grove Cemetery Hours:
1/2 hour before sunrise & 1/2 hour after sunset

SCHEDULING FUNERALS 91.03

(E) All Cemetery fees must be pre-paid in full to the City at the Administrative Services Building prior to services provided. Payment may be made to the City by the Funeral Director, the family or a representative of each.

- (1) Upon payment for Interment, the City will place on its calendar the date and time of the funeral at the Cemetery meeting requirements of this section.
- (2) There shall be a minimum two hour period of start time between funerals on the calendar.
- (3) Normal burial times shall be during municipal business hours Monday thru Friday and before 1:00 PM on Saturday. No burials are to be held on a Sunday unless special permission is granted by the Public Works Director.
- (4) For a funeral entering the Cemetery after 2:00 pm on a weekday, the weekend interment rate applies. This rate does not apply to funerals that were affected by 91.03 E (2).

SPECIFICATIONS FOR MONUMENTS, HEADSTONES, AND FOOTSTONES 91.07

(A) Monuments, headstones, and footstones are to be made of granite, marble, or bronze. Bronze tablets must be fastened on durable stone. Wood, plaster of paris, concrete, sandstone, and similar materials will not be permitted in monuments, headstones, and footstones. Total height of new monuments/ headstone (grass line to top of monument) shall not exceed 36". Any violation may result in the City issuing an 'order to remove' item at the expense of the installer/owner.

(B) The width of monuments, headstones, and footstones shall not exceed 24 inches for single graves and 48 inches for double graves.

Maximum width dimensions:

Single: 24" headstone / 32" base / 40" foundation

Double: 48" headstone / 60" base / 68" foundation

(C) Family plots may have a family monument of a size that will not interfere with burials.

(D) Foundations shall be constructed of concrete and extend 4 inches on each side of the monument or headstone. Depth shall be 30 inches. All foundations will be installed / constructed by the Public Works Department.

Grave Lot Sales

RATES FOR GRAVE LOT PURCHASES; ADDITIONAL FEES 91.03 (A): SEE 35.70 CITY FEES CHARGED FOR SERVICES

Adult Grave Lot:

Resident.....	\$325
Non-Resident.....	\$850

Infant Grave Lot:

Resident.....	\$150
Non-Resident.....	\$250

Interment / Burial Fees

Adult Interment:

Resident.....	\$600
Non-Resident.....	\$800

Infant Interment:

Resident.....	\$200
Non-Resident.....	\$300

Adult Interment weekend:

Resident.....	\$800
Non-Resident.....	\$1000

Infant Interment weekend:

Resident.....	\$400
Non-Resident.....	\$500

Adult Interment holiday:

Resident.....	\$1000
Non-Resident.....	\$1200

Infant Interment holiday:

Resident.....	\$600
Non-Resident.....	\$700

Cremation Interment Fees

Cremation Interment:

Resident.....	\$200
Non-Resident.....	\$300

Weekend Interment:

Resident.....	\$400
Non-Resident.....	\$500

Holiday Interment:

Resident.....	\$500
Non-Resident.....	\$600

All fees per City Ordinance 35.70

Disinterment / Reburials Fees

Adult Disinterment/Reburying:

SEE 35.70 CITY FEES CHARGED FOR SERVICES

Resident.....	\$1800
Non-Resident.....	\$1800

Infant Disinterment /Reburying:

Resident.....	\$1200
Non-Resident.....	\$1200

RATES FOR GRAVE LOT PURCHASES; ADDITIONAL FEES 91.03 (cont'd) SEE 35.70 CITY FEES CHARGED FOR SERVICES

- (B) In addition to the rates in part (A), Footers/ Foundations will be provided in following sizes for a fee:
- (1) Footer A (single grave) 40" W, 22" D, 30"H: **\$350** or
 - (2) Footer B (double grave) 68" W, 22" D, 30"H: **\$550** or
 - (3) Footer for Infant grave: 24" W, 14" D, 14" H: **\$250**
 - (4) All US Military Veterans foundation for a plaque (not a headstone) shall be furnished by the City at no charge.

(C) No one may purchase more than (4) grave lots per calendar year unless special permission is granted by the Public Works Director.

(D) For the purpose of the rates and charges set forth in this section, a **RESIDENT** shall be defined as being legally domiciled in the city corporation limits on the date of death or at the time of grave lot purchase. Proof of residency required.

INTERMENT ON HOLIDAY 91.04

There shall be no burials on Thanksgiving or Christmas Day unless required by religious guidelines for immediate interment. There shall be no burials until after 2:00 p.m. on Memorial Day.

GRAVE LOT DEEDS 91.05

(A) Purchasers of grave lots shall receive a deed entitling them to use of the lots for burial of the dead, subject to all regulations relating to Oak Grove Cemetery, the ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, and the laws of the State of Ohio.

(B) Upon the death of the holder or part-holder of the lot, the rights to the lot will descend to his or her heirs in equal shares in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

(C) Lots cannot be sold once purchased, except back to the city at the original purchase price. The city reserves the right of refusal to repurchase.