

*26 JAN 08*

**Rules Governing  
Bristol Township's  
Cemeteries**

**Sager Memorial  
Evergreen**

**Trumbull County, Ohio**

**January 1, 2005**

**Revised September 3, 2008**

**Revised May 5, 2010**

**Revised August 4, 2015, Motion # 134-2015**

Sager Memorial and Evergreen Cemeteries are tax supported and own by Bristol Township. The cemeteries are operated by the Bristol Township Board of Trustees and Sager Memorial is supported by the North Bristol Cemetery Association.

The rules and regulations governing the cemeteries have been formulated after due consideration. The OHIO REVISED CODE has been followed. While some rules may appear arbitrary, each, however, has been adopted for the specific purpose of protecting the lot owner and to insure the beauty, character, and distinction of the cemeteries. The rules apply without exception to every lot owner and visitor. It is expected that they will be duly appreciated and properly respected.

The following rules and regulations may be changed at any time. They were originally adopted in January 1968, and have been revised in March 1989, January 2005, and again in May 2010. A separate cemetery rate sheet for lot purchase and burial rate may be obtained through the Cemetery Sexton:

BRISTOL TWP. TRUSTEE  
P.O. Box 254  
Bristolville, Ohio 44402  
(330) 889-2575

THE NORTH BRISTOL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 125  
Bristolville, Ohio 44402  
(330) 889-3676

1. The Bristol Township Trustees shall employ a Cemetery Sexton who shall have charge and control of said cemeteries under the direction and full authority of the Township Trustees.
2. Persons desiring to purchase graves should call upon the Sexton who will furnish the necessary information and assist in selection of a grave location. No order for interment in a grave will be accepted until payment in full for the grave and the interment fee has been received or satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Township Fiscal Officer. All burials, except baby burials and cremations, are to be made in concrete burial vault.
3. The sale of graves in either cemetery shall be governed by the burial rules and cemetery rate policy established by the Bristol Township Board of Trustees. A separate information sheet lists the current rates.
4. Not more than six (6) graves shall be sold as a family burial plot. Selection of three (3) or more burial sites for purchase shall be made so that a corner of the twelve (12) grave lots constitutes one of the sites to be purchased. This requirement may be waived if no corner site is available.
5. All land is the property of Bristol Township, in fee simple. Cemetery deeds convey the right to use portions of that land for graves. Graves may be sold and transferred only by the Township Board of Trustees of these cemeteries. The joint purchase of graves except by husband and wife, is not recommended. Each proprietor is vested with the title to his or her graves for the sole purpose of interment. The graves cannot be conveyed without the assent of the Township Trustees.

The proprietors of graves may dispose of them by will, subject to the foregoing conditions. If the proprietor dies intestate, the graves will descend to his or her heirs, as determined by the Statutes of Ohio in effect at the time of death. Consent to these transfers will not be unreasonably withheld, the Township Trustees reserves the right to purchase the unused graves in the plat offered for consent for transfer. Such purchase shall be in the name of the cemetery and shall be at the price originally paid for said graves or at the current sale price of last sale by the Township Trustees, whichever is smaller. Payment, therefore, shall be made to the owners of record on the books of the Township Trustees.

6. When a burial is to take place, application for the burial and the use of the Chapel at Sager Memorial Cemetery should be made to the Cemetery Sexton not less than forty-eight (48) hours before interment. If the application is for interment of other than the immediate family of the owner on record at the Fiscal Officer's office, permission in writing from all persons who hold title either by descent, devise, or purchase must be presented.
7. No use, division, improvement or adornment of graves may be made which the Township Trustees prohibit or deem improper or unsuitable to the serenity of the cemetery.

Foundations for headstones and monuments must be built by and in accordance with the specifications of the Township Trustees at the expense of the grave owner. Cornerstones and footers must not project above the ground. Where the Government furnishes a headstone for a veteran, the foundation may be supplied by the Trustees. The footer must have four (4") inches of collar completely around the base of the headstone. The footer must be in alignment and not extend beyond the lot line. All markers will be placed at the head of the gravesite, so that if a visitor is reading the headstone, he or she is standing on the grave of the owner. All footers must be inspected by the Sexton prior to filling with concrete. See diagram for proper headstone and footer installation.

8. Granite or bronze is recommended as the best and most durable for headstones and memorials. The use of limestone, sandstone, marble, and soapstone is discouraged as they are considered unfit for such purposes. Also the use of wood or ceramic as headstones or adornments is strictly forbidden. It is recommended that flush headstones and markers be used whenever practical. Vaults may be concrete or metal with a minimum of 12 gauge steel for interments.

9. The number of internments is one (1) burial, one (1) burial and one (1) cremation, or two (2) cremations per gravesite. Or in the case of an infant, two (2) burials may be allowed. The Township Trustees have final decision.

10. No trees shall be allowed to be planted on any graves.

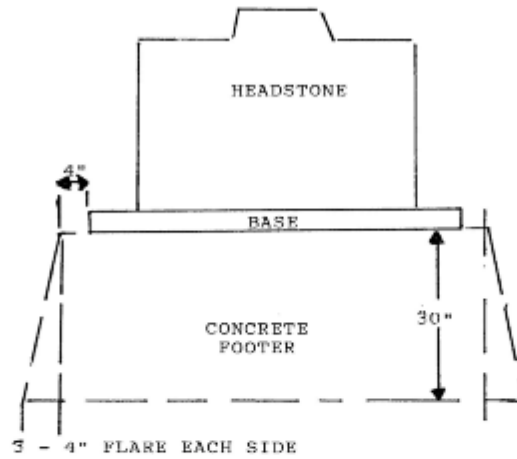
11. All shrubs, plants, and flowers must be approved and set under the direction of the Township Trustees. Only one (1) bed will be allowed on any one (1) grave and should be adjacent to the headstone or monument. All graves will be seeded after allowing a reasonable period for settling. **Any plantings which do not have the approval of the Township Trustees may, with the authorization of the Township Trustees will be removed by them.**

12. The Township Trustees reserve the right to remove cut flowers and wilted potted plants after fourteen (14) days. In order to assist the cemetery workers and cemetery visitors, ALL seasonal decorations and adornments will be removed yearly May 1<sup>st</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>.

13. No spreading plant's, rose bushes, or running vines will be permitted on any grave. In order to provide for cemetery maintenance and grass mowing; no coping, marble chips, glass mulch or enclosures of any kind will be permitted around any grave. The only shrubs permitted will be dwarf or slow growing varieties such as; Azalea, Ilex, Yew.

14. The Township Trustees or their designee shall supervise the digging of all graves. No internments may be on Sundays, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day, except in cases where the internment is ordered by the Board of Health, proper public authority, or by the approval of the Board of Township Trustees.

15. Any person who trespasses on graves or who injures trees, shrubs, or plants, or who marks or defaces monuments, buildings, or enclosures before or after sundown will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.



Only signs with specific written approval by the Board of Trustees may be placed onto Cemetery property. This includes but not limited to the following locations, right of ways, fencing, cemetery lots, or the cemetery property itself. Approval of a sign will only be considered by the Board of Trustees if the sign is relevant to the cemetery, such as historic markers, identification, or ceremonial type sign for a specific purpose related to the cemetery or service being held there.