

CEMETERY GUIDELINES FOR VERON REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND CEMETERY

The Vernon Reformed Presbyterian Church and Cemetery Association operates the cemetery so as to maintain it in a manner consistent with honor for our ancestors who not only founded the church but pioneered the development of the Township of Vernon and Waukesha County. We consider the church and cemetery to be historic landmarks and administer them as such. All decisions regarding the maintenance of the church, grounds, and cemetery are made in respect of our honored ancestors, their surviving kin, and the legacy of the community.

- The transfer of any full or partial lot shall not be valid or recognized until the proper documentation has been presented to The Vernon Reformed Presbyterian Church and Cemetery Association and the transaction approved by the trustees or officers. No lots may be resold, and any lots whose owners are deceased and no clear arrangements exist to transfer ownership to heirs or designees revert to control of the Association. Any claims on lots may be submitted to the Association for review, but the Association reserves the right to dispose of any lots where ownership may be in dispute.
- Upon the death or judicially declared incompetence of a lot owner it is the duty of the heirs, devisees, or guardian to file with The Vernon Reformed Presbyterian Church and Cemetery Association competent proof of their right to use of the lot. Further burials on the lot may not be permitted until such proof is presented.
- Lots may only be re-sold back to the Cemetery Association by the original purchaser, and at the original purchase price.
- Ownership of a lot does not grant the right to make any plantings nor to erect any coping or enclosure around the lot or grave.
- The deed to a lot conveys only the right of burial therein. The Vernon Reformed Presbyterian Church and Cemetery Association retains control and supervision of all lots that have been sold, and Association shall have the right to enter any lot and prohibit, modify or remove any structure, object, improvement or adornment on such lot which may be placed thereon in violation of the rules, or which may be considered unsightly, objectionable, or injurious to the lot or adjoining lots, or the general appearance of the Cemetery.
- No trees, shrubbery or plantings of any nature shall be permitted, except such as may be provided by The Vernon Reformed Presbyterian Church and Cemetery Association for landscaping purposes.
- Artificial wreaths or baskets, glass, crockery, wire, metal or any kind of receptacle for cut flowers, flags, ensigns, emblems, or other special markers and decorations must be placed upon the grave or marker in a manner that will not obstruct the lawn mower

or appear unsightly

- Cut flowers and potted plants will be permitted upon lots and graves, there to remain until the blossoms are dead, after which they will be disposed of. Their containers, except those which may be sunk in the ground even with or below the surface in a manner that will not obstruct the lawn mower, will be removed.
- No ironwork or wire will be allowed on lots and no seats will be permitted except those made with stone and on lots on which there is ample room for same, and then only by written permission of The Vernon Reformed Presbyterian Church and Cemetery Association.
- No sign, bulletin, or poster of any kind will be permitted within the confines of the Cemetery.
- Glass cases for covering graves and boxes containing artificial wreaths, etc. will not be permitted.
- Maintenance of grave markers is the responsibility of the owners of plots or heirs of the interred, not The Vernon Reformed Presbyterian Church and Cemetery Association. Exceptions may be made for graves and markers deemed historical by the Association. The Association reserves all rights to make repairs to markers as deemed necessary for the maintenance and sightliness of the cemetery.
- All interments shall be made at the expense of the lot owner, and opening and backfilling graves shall be done by the approved gravedigger of The Vernon Reformed Presbyterian Church and Cemetery Association.
- Notice for opening a grave must be given to The Vernon Reformed Presbyterian Church and Cemetery Association at least 12 working hours prior to time of interment. Notice for opening a grave on Saturday or Sunday interment shall not be later than 12:00 pm Friday preceding. Arrangements made with the approved gravedigger of The Vernon Reformed Presbyterian Church and Cemetery Association constitutes notice to the Association.
- All disinterments are subject to all requirements as outlined in state and local laws. The person requesting access accepts all responsibility for the payment of such disinterment costs including damages to adjacent graves or other property. In no way will The Vernon Reformed Presbyterian Church and Cemetery Association be responsible for any costs involved in interments, inurnments and disinterments.
- It is required that, lot owners and monument suppliers consult the Association before proceeding with the installation of any marker or memorial.
- Monuments or markers with porcelain or other photographs are not permitted, any form of ornamentation allowed which is, in the opinion of the Association, grotesque,

freakish, or unusual in size is not allowed.

- Any person having occasion to make any complaint or request related to these guidelines shall make it to any Trustee or Officer of the Association.

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