

Rules and Regulations

for

Oakwood Weyauwega  
Cemetery

Weyauwega, WI

REMAINS. Those parts that remain of a corpse after the ravages of time, weather or destruction.

SEALED VAULT. An Outer Burial Container or permanently sealed container that surrounds a casket, which should be constructed of a non-wood durable substance such as concrete.

Sexton. The care taker and overseer of the cemetery appointed by the Board.

SECTION. An alphabetically designated area containing numerical Blocks, Lots and Grave Spaces.

URN. A closed vessel used for the preservation of cremains.

Urn Vault. A container which is sealed and surrounds a urn in order to prevent the ground from collapsing and aids with finding the cremains in the future if needed.

#### PURCHASE AND OWNERSHIP OF INTERMENT RIGHTS.

(1) Individuals, families or their agents, desiring to obtain interment rights to a Lot or Grave Space(s) in Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery must contact the Sexton of the Cemetery. The Sexton will either provide or arrange assistance in showing the Lots or Grave Space(s) available for the purchase of said interment rights.

(2) Upon having made a Lot or Grave Space selection and making the required full payment or the corresponding fees, the sexton will issue an official Cemetery Deed of interment rights. The Cemetery does not allow for the sale of interment rights for one-half (1/2) Grave Spaces.

(3) Each owner is vested with the ownership of the right of interment for the sole purpose of interment of human remains. Ownership will remain with the original purchaser(s). After the demise of the original purchaser(s), their interment rights shall pass to their spouse. Lineal descendants shall have equal rights of interments. In case that there are no lineal descendants then the nearest relative of the purchaser shall have the right of interment.

(4) In case of death of the lot owner, when the cemetery lot is disposed of through a probate proceeding, a certified copy of the final court document assigning the lot shall be filed with the Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery. If there is an unprobated will, a certified copy of the will must be delivered to the Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery before the Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery will recognize the change of ownership. If the deceased lot owner left no will and there is no probate satisfactory and sufficient proof of descent must be provided. It is recommended that the lot owner, in making their will, include a provision addressing the cemetery lot(s) and devise to one (1) person. The Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery will not accept a transfer of interment space after interment of the original purchaser(s) unless all lineal descendants have agreed to the transaction.

(5) The owner may grant permission, which must be notarized and placed on file with the Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery, for the burial of other persons not related by lineage. No corpse shall be interred in a Grave Space except the corpse of one (1) having an interest therein, or a relative, or spouse

#### RULES FOR PATRONS AND VISITORS.

- (1) In order to protect Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery from injury, damage or desecration, all patrons and visitors to the cemetery shall fully adhere to various rules and regulations as contained in the Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery rules as well as any future amendments, revisions or modifications to said rules.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided, any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter, or regulation, rule or order made hereunder shall be subject to a penalty.
- (3) Patrons and visitors may freely visit the Cemetery anytime between Sunrise to Sunset Monday through Sunday.
- (4) No children under the age of 12 years old are to be permitted to be on cemetery grounds unless accompanied by their parents, guardians or some responsible person.
- (5) Persons with refreshments, firearms or dogs will not be allowed on the grounds.
- (6) No driving allowed on lots, or upon the grass,
- (7) No driving allowed on roadways that are unplowed

#### RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES.

- (1) No person shall willfully destroy, mutilate, injure or remove any tomb, monument, gravestone, building or other structure placed in the cemetery, or any fence, railing, sign or other work for the protection or ornamentation thereof, or shall willfully destroy or injure any tree, shrub or plant within the limits of the cemetery.
- (2) Picking flowers, driving over Lots or Grave Spaces or bringing animals onto cemetery grounds is strictly prohibited.
- (3) No person other than authorized Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery personnel shall destroy bird nests/houses or kill any animal on the cemetery grounds.
- (4) No person and/or group shall post, paste, fasten, paint or attach any placard, bill, notice, sign or advertising material upon any structure, tree or other natural object within the cemetery except those official signs or notices posted by the Cemetery Board.

#### LANDSCAPING.

(h) No iron or wirework, or seat will be allowed and should any structure now on any lot become unsightly or rusty, they shall be removed from the cemetery by the lot owner on notice to that effect. Taping, wiring or gluing to a marker or monument in any manner is prohibited. (Please take your flowers, containers etc. with you or discard in a trash can do not leave them behind to be disposed of)

(i) Any items which are not secured and become loose due to wind will be placed by the cemetery workers next to the nearest gravestone.

(j) Any unsightly or damaged items that are not removed in a timely manner will be so removed at the discretion of the Cemetery Board.

(k) All flower arrangements, real or artificial, must be removed no later than October 15th of each year in order to allow for a thorough fall cleaning of the Cemetery. All unauthorized plantings will be removed at such time. Persons desiring to reuse such materials must claim them prior to that date or they will be discarded by the cemetery workers. Christmas, fall and winter arrangements may be placed after November 15th of each year. All Christmas, fall and winter arrangements must be removed no later than May 1st of each year for the spring cleaning of the cemetery. Spring and summer arrangements may be placed after May 15th of each year.

(l) EXCEPTIONS. During the fall and spring cleanup periods, an individual who has an anniversary of the death of their loved one may place a floral arrangement, decoration, etc. in their memory next to the headstone.

(m) The Cemetery Board and the Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery are not responsible for any personal articles left at the grave site. Although every effort will be made to prevent either theft or vandalism of grave sites, neither the City nor the Cemetery can be held responsible for property lost, damaged or stolen from grave sites.

#### INTERMENTS.

(1) Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery shall be given thirty-six (36) hours' notice prior to the opening and preparation of a grave space for interment. Any and all applicable fees for preparation, opening, closing, replacing of sod and seeding of the grave space must be paid prior to performance of the service. The Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery assumes no responsibility for the protection, maintenance, damage or vandalism to flowers, wreaths or any other item used in such funeral or interment proceedings.

(2) No burial will be permitted unless and until a legal Report of Final Disposition Burial Transit Permit has been presented to the cemetery sexton. The interment of bodies of persons who have died of a contagious disease shall be made in strict accordance with the rules of the Wisconsin State Board of Health. Further, the following guidelines shall apply:

\* In the event any such error shall involve the interment of the remains of any person, the Cemetery Board reserves, and shall have, the right to remove and reinter the remains in the correct space or in another burial space of equal value and similar location as may be substituted.\*

#### DISINTERMENTS.

(1) Disinterment is the removal of remains of a human corpse from their original place of interment to another site. The disinterment of bodies from graves in the Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery will be solely made by the Cemetery Board or by its designated Contractor.

(2) The following guidelines shall apply:

(a) Both Lot and Grave Space owners, and their heirs, desiring graves opened must first secure the necessary disinterment permit from the State of Wisconsin (unless remains are staying within the Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery) and deliver said documentation to the cemetery sexton.

(b) A disinterment permit issued by the State of Wisconsin is the only authority required by law to transport disinterred remains and to reinter those remains. A burial permit is not required.

(c) Authorization must be obtained from the Cemetery Board before any disinterment can take place. All removals will be made under the Board's direction.

(d) No death certificate is required in order to obtain a disinterment permit because the original death certificate has already been filed with the state and the local registrar at the place where death occurred.

(e) For sanitary reasons, graves will not be reopened for inspection except for an official investigation.

#### MONUMENTS AND MARKERS.

(1) The Board reserves the right to require the construction of a foundation of such size, material and design as will provide ample insurance against settlement or injury to the stone work. The Board requires that grave markers, monuments, headstones, foundations and mausoleums be set by a monument company/firm. Under no circumstances will the Oakwood Weyauwega Cemetery construct monument or marker foundations or place markers or headstones on foundations. Only one monument will be allowed upon a lot per owner and must not exceed to size restrictions. All monuments and markers, grass level or otherwise must have a concrete foundation with a border around the base of the monument. The size of the foundation (consider the 4" required border) will determine the largest size monument allowed, without first getting special permission from the Cemetery Board who shall be the final word. A single grave foundation must not exceed 44" x 28", a double grave 88" x 28". Base and the tablet not to exceed 36" in height. Under special consideration the Cemetery Board will allow larger monuments, but we want to make it clear, do not order a larger monument without first contacting the Sexton, he will then explain the special problems and the special consideration expected by the