

**Rules & Regulations
Governing the Operation of the Mauston Cemetery
Under the Control of the
Mauston Cemetery Association
Board of Trustees
and the City of Mauston**

It is the desire of the Mauston Cemetery Association Board of Trustees to make the Cemetery in Mauston a quiet, beautiful resting place for the deceased. Anything which would mar the general beauty and harmony of the cemetery must be avoided. Peace and order must prevail, and the sacredness of the place be maintained at all times. It is to this end that these Rules and Regulations have been adopted.

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Glossary of terms:

Grave space: One grave area measuring 40" wide X 10' long which includes an area for a memorial stone.

Lot: A group of multiple grave spaces as recorded at the Juneau County Register of Deeds.

Cemetery Management: The Mauston Cemetery Association Board of Trustees and any other entity the Board of Trustees has given authority for the maintenance and care of cemetery property (i.e. City of Mauston.)

Perpetual Care: Obligation of the City of Mauston to maintain and care for the Mauston Cemetery sites from funds derived from the segregated perpetual care fund.

Outer Burial Container: Shall mean a container that surrounds a casket in order to prevent the ground from collapsing.

Cremains: Incinerated human remains.

Memorials: Shall mean any headstone, memorial marker or structure placed upon a grave space for the purpose of identification or memory of the interred.

Cemetery: Shall mean the Mauston and Oakwood Cemeteries located on Attewell Street, Mauston, Wisconsin.

Cemetery Deed: Shall mean the official document produced by the Cemetery Management for the conveyance of ownership of interment rights to a designated lot or grave space located within the cemetery.

Article I: *General Rules and Regulations*

1. The cemetery is open to visitors from sunrise to sunset daily.
2. Decorations stuck in or on ground is prohibited.
3. No dogs or other domestic animals will be permitted in the cemetery without special permission, except for seeing eye dogs or service dogs.
4. Planting of flowers, shrubs, or trees is prohibited.
5. Decorations must be removed by April 1 and October 1 for general cemetery clean up. Flowers left may be removed.
6. Picking flowers, breaking or injuring trees, shrubs, or any planting, marring or defacing any stonework, object or structure will subject the offender to the penalties of the laws of the State of Wisconsin and Ordinances of the City of Mauston.

A full set of rules & regulation is available online at www.mauston.com/cemetery, at Hatch Public Library, and at the cemetery shed.

Article II: *Care of Lots and Improvements*

1. General care provided by the Cemetery Management includes keeping the grass cut, pruning trees, shrubs and plantings, maintenance of roads, entrances and fencing when and where it is deemed necessary.
2. Lot or grave space owners may not cut, remove or disturb the sod or turf without permission of the Cemetery Management.
3. No trees, shrubs, flowers or evergreens may be planted, pruned or removed, without permission of the Cemetery Management.
4. If any tree, plant, shrub, evergreen, or real or artificial flower arrangement or decoration interferes with the appearance or proper care of a lot or grave space, or appears dangerous to any cemetery structure, it may be removed without notice.
5. No enclosure of any nature such as curbing, fencing, coping, hedge or ditch will be allowed around any lot or grave space.
6. Lot owners must keep in good repair any structure erected on their lot or grave space. Failure to do so will compel the Cemetery Management to order it repaired or removed at the owner's expense.

Article III: *Burials*

1. Burial is for human remains only.
2. Persons desiring to obtain interment rights in the Mauston Cemetery shall select the location of the grave site and no change thereafter will be made except at the cost of the family. The Cemetery Management will issue a deed. Upon issue, that location is final. Any changes will require purchase of another site.

3. No burial space may be opened except by permission of proper authority. All caskets and urns must be enclosed in an outer burial container (i.e. standard vault or grave liner) constructed of concrete and/or stone only. Funeral directors shall be responsible for the charge of opening and closing the burial space.

Article IV: *Interments & Disinterments* (Revised: April 2016)

1. The cost of interment, disinterment, or reinterment will be at the requester's expense.
2. No body will be disinterred without the consent in writing by proper authority.
3. Interment of 2 bodies in one burial space will not be permitted.
4. Burials will only go to the depth of one interment.
5. No more than 2 cremains or 1 casket and 1 cremains, if space allows, per burial space with the exception of 2 children or 1 parent & 1 infant child who are buried at the same time will be permitted.
6. One grave space is limited to 1 grave marker.
7. The Sexton/Cemetery Board shall have the right to designate the hour and manner in which interments will or will not be permitted.
8. In the event a monument is placed where it is necessary to temporarily remove it for an interment or disinterment, the Association will have the right to remove the monument without notice to the burial space owner. It will be reinstalled to its original position when work is completed.

Article V: *Lots and Title Thereto*

1. The cemetery is subdivided so that single or multiple graves spaces may be purchased.
2. If a person wants to buy a single grave space out of a group of 5 grave spaces for example, that person will buy a space on one end or the other, not in the middle.
3. No burial will be allowed on any lot until the purchase price of the lot is paid in full.
4. A single grave space shall be paid for in full at the time of purchase.
5. When a lot or single grave space is paid for, a deed will be issued giving location and grave site identification. The purchase price includes perpetual care.

Article VI: *Sale of Grave Spaces or Lots*

1. The Cemetery Management shall have full authority over the sale of lots or single grave spaces. Authorized designees may assist the Cemetery Management in lot or single grave space sales. Authorized designees will notify the Cemetery Management of sales within 30 days of said sale.
2. The owner(s) of a grave space or lot may only sell or surrender the site back to the Cemetery conditional upon there being no interment and providing proof of purchase. The Cemetery Management may agree to purchase the space or lot for an amount not to exceed the original purchase price less the amount paid for Perpetual Care.

Article VII: Memorials (Revised: September 2019)

1. All memorials must be made of granite, marble, bronze or stainless steel. If stainless steel is to be used, the design of the marker must be presented to the Cemetery Management for approval prior to installation.

2. The placement of memorials is subject to the control and supervision of the Cemetery Management and will face Attewell Street.

3. Contractors will be held responsible for any damage done to the cemetery property including roads, turf and plantings. Contractors must restore the lots and grave spaces to the same condition as before the work was begun.

4. Unless expressly allowed, no memorial setter or cement contractor will be permitted to leave litter or building materials in the cemetery.

5. Out of due respect, during funeral services in the cemetery, all contractors are required to cease working until the services are completed.

6. Management shall have authority to reject any base stone exceeding **36"** in width on a **9' by 40"** grave space.

Article VIII: Mausoleums

There are no Mausoleums available at this location.

Article IX: Miscellaneous Rules (Amendment: March 2014)

These rules may be amended at any meeting of the Mauston Cemetery Association Board of Trustees by a majority vote of the quorum present and are subject to change without notice. Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The trustees therefore reserve the right, without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications in any of the Rules & Regulations when, in its judgment, it appears advisable. Temporary exceptions, suspensions or modifications in no way may be construed as affecting the general application of the Rules and Regulations.

Notation:

The aforementioned rules and regulations for the conduct of our cemetery are basic. Where local conditions demand a modification of same, such changes should be in conformity with the purpose of these rules.

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