

Millington Township Ordinance
Cemetery Rules and Regulations Ordinance 02-01
Amended November 18, 2024

All taxpayers and legal residents of Millington Township are entitled to two graves (*see cremains) without cost excepting Sexton fee or grave opening and closing costs.

Each extra burial space purchased by a legal resident and taxpayer shall be at a cost of \$500.00 per grave, with a three (3) grave lot limit, entitling a legal resident and taxpayer to a maximum of five (5) graves at the time of need.

The time of need shall be considered when a member of the immediate family dies, and this member is a husband, wife, parent or child residing in the household at the time of death. An individual will not be considered a member of this family if married or over 21 years of age and residing outside the area of said Township, unless attending school or is a member of the United States Armed Forces at the time of death.

An individual must be both a taxpayer and a legal resident of Millington Township to qualify for the two graves at no charge. An individual must pay real estate tax to be considered a taxpayer. An individual must reside in Millington Township a minimum of 200 days per calendar year to be considered a legal resident.

All Saturday burials shall pay an additional fee of \$200.00. (Amended 07-15-19)

Vault- All burials shall be within a standard outer burial structure or burial vault in each burial space before interment.

*Cremains- Those persons requesting to place two cremains or combined cremains on the same grave will be entitled to only one grave without cost at time of need.

Each non-resident burial space cost shall be determined by the township board.

Any transfer of one or more burial spaces from an original purchaser to a qualified assignee shall cost \$5.00. The foregoing charges shall be paid to the township clerk and shall be deposited in the cemetery fund for the particular cemetery lot involved in the sale or transfer.

The township board, by resolution, may periodically alter the foregoing fees to accommodate increased cost and needed reserve funds for cemetery maintenance and acquisition.

Fee for opening and closing a grave shall be:

Adult	Resident	\$100.00	
Adult	Non-Resident	\$400.00	(Amended 05-23-02)
Child (Not over 5 ft.)	Resident	\$ 50.00	
Child (Not over 5 ft.)	Non-Resident	\$ 75.00	
Infant	Resident	\$ 40.00	
Infant	Non-Resident	\$ 50.00	
Cremation	Resident	\$ 50.00	(Set 07-21-97)
Cremation	Non-Resident	\$150.00	(Set 09-20-10)
Cremation ashes placed in headstone		\$ 10.00	(Amended 07-15-19)
Lot-Non-Resident (1 burial space)		\$700.00	(Amended 05-23-02)
Extra Lot/Resident (1 burial space)		\$500.00	(Amended 08-16-04)
(3 lot limit)			(Amended 02-21-05)

All charges to be paid at the time of ordering lot or grave opening.

No advance sale of lots before time of need.

CEMETERY RULES

MARKERS OR MEMORIALS

All markers or memorials must be of stone or other equal durable composition. Height of markers or memorials are to be no more than 28 inches from the ground, including base, unless a Township liability exemption form is approved for oversized stones. All headstones are to be placed inside of the lot line. Monuments must be located upon a suitable foundation to maintain the same in an erect position. Must be to the depth of the top of the vault and eight (8) inches larger than the stone. Only one monument, marker or memorial shall be permitted per burial space. When using (1) one burial space for (2) two Cremains the maximum size for a headstone or marker is (30) thirty inches, with a maximum foundation of (36) thirty-six inches. The footings or foundation, upon which any monument, marker or memorial is placed, shall be constructed by the sexton. Payment for foundations shall be paid to Millington Township.

MILLINGTON TOWNSHIP SHALL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO GRAVE MARKERS, CAUSED BY REGULAR MAINTENANCE. SUCH AS STONES OR ANY TYPE OF DEBRIS THAT MAY BECOME AIRBORNE AND STRIKE SAID MARKERS.

INTERMENT REGULATIONS

- Only one traditional burial per grave lot, up to two cremains can be placed on said grave lot, with the exception of all cremains where up to (4) can be buried.
- Not less than 48 hours' notice shall be given in advance of any time of any funeral to allow for the opening of the burial spaces.
- No Sunday burials.
- All graves shall be located in an orderly and neat appearing manner within the confines of the burial space involved.
- Winter decorations such as blankets, wreaths, etc., will be allowed any place on the lot from November 1st of one year to April 1st of the next year. All winter decorations are to be removed by April 1st.

GROUND MAINTAINED

- No grading, leveling or excavating upon a burial space shall be allowed without the permission of the cemetery sexton or the Cemetery Supervisor.
- All plants, flowers, urns and decorations of any kind to be placed 18 inches or less directly behind the headstone. The township or the cemetery sexton may remove any of the foregoing items planted without such approval.
- The township board reserves the right to remove or trim any tree, plant, shrub located within the cemetery in the interest of maintaining proper appearance and the use of the cemetery.
- Mounds, which hinder the free use of a lawn mower or other gardening apparatus, are prohibited.
- The cemetery sexton shall have the right and authority to remove and dispose of any growth, emblems, displays or containers therefore that through decay, deterioration, damage or otherwise become unsightly, a source of litter, or a maintenance problem.
- Surfaces other than earth or sod are prohibited.
- All refuse of any kind or nature including, among others, dried flowers, wreaths, papers and flower containers must be removed or deposited in containers located within the cemetery. All trees and shrubs must be in line with headstones. Any tree, brush or shrub over three feet in height or diameter must be trimmed back to a height and diameter of less than three feet by lot user.
- No dogs or other domestic pets allowed on cemetery property.

PENALTIES

Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions within this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 and/or imprisonment for up to 90 days in jail as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense. Any criminal prosecutions hereunder shall not prevent civil proceedings for abatement and terminations of the activity complained.

Validity and Severability

If any portion of this Ordinance is found invalid for any reason, that holding will not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. Except and unless expressly amended by the terms of this Ordinance, all other provisions of the Ordinance remain in full force and effect.

Repeal Clause

Any Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Effective Date

This Ordinance became effective seven days after publication.