

**CODE OF ORDINANCES
CITY OF CORUNNA, MICHIGAN
Chapter 26 CEMETERY**

Sec. 26-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Board means the city cemetery board of trustees.

Burial space means a lot or portion of lot in any cemetery designated and maintained for the interment of a human body and for no other purpose.

Cemetery means Pine Tree Cemetery as heretofore established, and any other public cemetery owned, managed or controlled by the city.

Owner means any person owning or possessing the privilege, license or right of interment in any burial space.

(Code 1979, § 3.31)

Cross references: Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 26-2. Board of trustees.

The cemetery board of trustees heretofore established is continued.

- (1) The board shall consist of five administrative officers appointed in accordance with section 4.7 (administrative service) of the City Charter for indefinite terms serving at the pleasure of the council. Upon recommendation of the city manager, the city council shall appoint a cemetery sexton who shall be a salaried administrative officer of the city.
- (2) Of the board membership there will be a president and vice-president voted upon by the entire board. The cemetery sexton shall provide for a secretary to record the meetings. All meetings must have three members present to enact business.
- (3) All members of the cemetery board shall serve as such without compensation. The five-person board membership shall not include a city councilperson or the mayor. A majority of the membership shall be comprised of residents or real property owners of the City of Corunna.
- (4) Proposed minutes of the cemetery board meetings are to be submitted to the city manager within ten business days following the cemetery board meeting. Approved minutes are to be submitted to the city manager within five days of approval.
- (5) Any board member absent two consecutive meetings or 25 percent of regular meetings in a calendar year, without prior written approval by the city manager, will be considered for removal from the board. All absences shall be recorded in the meeting minutes.

(6) Upon recommendation of the city manager, the city council may appoint one ex officio member to the board. The ex officio members so appointed by the city council shall not have a vote at the meetings, but shall sit only in an advisory capacity.

(7) All administrative officers shall be responsible to the city manager in and for the performance of the duties of their office.

(Code 1979, § 3.32; Ord. No. 02-02, § I, 1-7-02)

Sec. 26-3. Management of city cemeteries.

The cemeteries which have been or may hereafter be established by the city and maintained either within or without the city limits, of which plats have been or shall be filed in the office of the city clerk, shall be under the management, supervision and care of the board. It shall, if necessary, cause such cemeteries to be laid out in lots, drives and walks; the lots to be numbered, drives and walks therein to be named, and plats thereof to be made. The board shall fix the price of lots and fees for other services.

(Code 1979, § 3.33)

Sec. 26-4. Authority of board to make rules and regulations.

The board shall, from time to time, make such rules and regulations for the burial of the dead, care, improvement and protection of the grounds, mausoleums, monuments and appurtenances of the cemeteries and orderly conduct of persons visiting them, as may be deemed necessary. The board shall see that this chapter and all rules and regulations in respect to cemeteries are strictly enforced. The cemetery sexton or his/her designated agent shall cause to be kept a register of all interments made in any city cemetery in which shall appear the name of the deceased, the date and place of interment and such other information as may be required.

(Code 1979, § 3.34; Ord. No. 02-02, § I, 1-7-02)

Sec. 26-5. Sale of lots.

All deeds for lots shall be executed on behalf of the city by the cemetery sexton or his/her designated agent. Any person desiring to purchase a burial space in any city cemetery shall make application and pay the required amount for the lot selected to the cemetery sexton or his/her designated agent. Upon the purchase of any burial space, the cemetery sexton or his/her designated agent shall prepare and deliver to the purchaser a duly executed deed for the burial space. Such deed shall convey to the purchaser the right of interment only, and shall be held, subject to the provisions of this Code, existing rules and regulations, and such ordinances, rules and regulations as may hereafter be adopted by the city council. Any sale, transfer of conveyance of any cemetery lot(s) shall be registered with the cemetery sexton or his/her designated agent.

(Code 1979, § 3.35; Ord. No. 02-02, § I, 1-7-02)

Sec. 26-6. Lot owner's burial rights.

All interments on lots in the cemetery are restricted to the members of the family and relatives of the owner of the lot, and no interment shall take place on any lot without a

permit in writing from the cemetery sexton or his/her designated agent. No grave in the cemetery shall be opened for any purpose except under the direction of the city council, and only by the authorized employees of the cemetery.

(Code 1979, § 3.36; Ord. No. 02-02, § I, 1-7-02)

Sec. 26-7. Lot records.

The cemetery sexton or his/her designated agent shall keep proper records in which the deeds to all burial spaces shall be recorded at length. In connection with all such records, the cemetery sexton or his/her designated agent shall also keep a general index in which shall be noted alphabetically the name of the party to every such instrument of conveyance.

(Code 1979, § 3.37; Ord. No. 02-02, § I, 1-7-02)

Sec. 26-8. Labor charges.

The cemetery sexton shall charge and cause to be collected on behalf of the city such fees for work performed in the city cemeteries as may be fixed from time to time by the board. All such fees shall be paid to the cemetery sexton or his/her designated agent. No person other than an employee of the city acting under the direction of the board shall dig or open any grave, nor shall any person grade or fill in a burial space or otherwise do any work in connection therewith, unless such work is done under supervision of the city employee in charge of the cemetery.

(Code 1979, § 3.38; Ord. No. 02-02, § I, 1-7-02)

Sec. 26-9. Trespass, mischief.

No person shall trespass on any lot or burial space within any city cemetery, nor pick or cut flowers or shrubs except on his own burial space, or cut down, injure or disturb any tree or shrub or otherwise commit any desecration within any city cemetery.

(Code 1979, § 3.39)

Sec. 26-10. Perpetual care fund, cemetery operating fund.

One-half of the price received from the sale of each lot in the city cemetery shall be placed in the fund known as the perpetual care and maintenance fund. The fund shall be at all times invested in accordance with the laws governing public funds in the state, and the proceeds therefrom may be used in the general care and maintenance of the cemetery. The remainder of the purchase price shall be placed in the cemetery operating fund and the two aforesaid funds shall constitute the cemetery fund.

(Code 1979, § 3.40)

Sec. 26-11. Maintenance and care.

Whenever the owner of any burial space or lot in any city cemetery, who has not paid for perpetual care for such space or lot and has failed to pay for annual care or has otherwise failed and neglected for a period of seven years or more to care for and maintain such space or lot in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations relating thereto and providing for such care and maintenance, it shall be competent for the city council to institute proceedings for the termination and forfeiture of the rights and interest of such owner, in compliance with MCL 128.12, MSA 5.3102, relating to abandoned or neglected lots. This section shall not apply to any space or lot in which a burial has been made.

(Code 1979, § 3.41)

Sec. 26-12. Plantings.

The planting or training of trees, shrubbery, bushes, flowers, bulbs, lawn covering or any type of planting upon lots in the cemetery shall be under the supervision of the board.

(Code 1979, § 3.42)

Sec. 26-13. Workers.

All workers employed in the erection of vaults, tombstones, monuments and markers will be subject to the control and direction of the board.

(Code 1979, § 3.43)

Sec. 26-14. Burial permit.

No interment shall be made in the cemetery nor in any vault in the cemetery, until the proper information as required by law shall have first been furnished to the cemetery sexton or his/her designated agent.

(Code 1979, § 3.44; Ord. No. 02-02, § I, 1-7-02)

Sec. 26-15. Disinterment.

No disinterment shall be allowed without the permission of the board, and upon the written order of the owner of the lot, and in any case shall only be made by the cemetery authorities, upon the payment of the charge provided by resolution of the city council.

(Code 1979, § 3.45)

Sec. 26-16. Unauthorized plant removal.

No plants, planting, trees, shrubs, bushes or flowers shall be removed from any cemetery lot without the consent of the lot owner and the board.

(Code 1979, § 3.46)

Sec. 26-17. Funeral processions.

All funeral processions while in the cemetery grounds shall be subject to the direction and control of the board or sexton of the cemetery.

(Code 1979, § 3.47)

Sec. 26-18. Rules and regulations.

The following rules and regulations are hereby established:

- (1) No person shall enter the cemetery before 7:00 a.m. or after sundown.
- (2) Lot owners and their families shall be allowed access to the grounds at all proper times, but must observe all the rules which may be adopted for the regulation of visitors.
- (3) No person with refreshments, liquor or a dog will be admitted to the cemetery.
- (4) No person will be permitted to use boisterous or profane language, or in any way disturb the quiet and good order of the cemetery.
- (5) No vehicle shall be driven in excess of a speed of 15 miles per hour and driving upon the grass or any planted portion of the cemetery is expressly prohibited.
- (6) Discharging of firearms, other than volleys at burial services, is prohibited, and on such occasion persons with firearms will not be admitted to the grounds, except as expressly authorized to participate in such type of service.
- (7) All persons are forbidden to sit, walk upon or otherwise occupy any lot not his own.
- (8) Bicycle riders and persons in charge of small vehicles, such as baby carriages, must confine themselves to the avenues and not ride upon or pass over lots, burial places or sections, and must observe generally the rules governing other vehicles and drivers of vehicles.
- (9) All persons are strictly prohibited from plucking any plants, flowers, shrubs or planting, whether cultivated or wild, breaking or injuring trees, shrubs or bushes, marring any monument or other structure or in any way defacing or otherwise injuring anything of value in the cemetery.

(Code 1979, § 3.48)

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Chapter 74 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

ARTICLE IV. SNOWMOBILES

Sec. 74-134. Operation on land of others, schoolgrounds; consent required.

No person shall operate a snowmobile in the city on land of others, without first having secured written consent to operate thereon; and, in this connection, land of others shall include the area of the street between the sidewalk and the curb in front of land of others; and no person shall operate a snowmobile on any city sidewalk or in McCurdy Park or in the cemetery, and no person shall operate a snowmobile on any schoolhouse lawn, walkway or playground unless the person shall have written permission therefor from the school authorities.

(Code 1979, § 10.44)