

Lakeview Cemetery Rules & Regulations

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§ 29-7. Cemetery markers and monuments

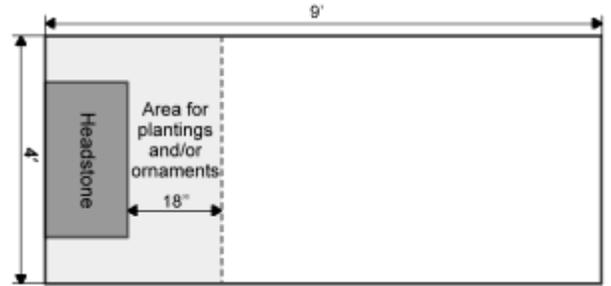
All lot or gravesite owners shall consult with the Cemetery Sexton prior to placing a monument or marker in the cemetery to ensure the correct location of said monument or marker. All monuments or markers must conform to the following rules:

- A. No monument or marker shall be placed on any burial unit until a deed has been issued.
- B. All monuments or markers must be constructed of a recognized, durable granite, marble, fieldstone, or bronze.
- C. At no time shall the construction of any mausoleums be permitted.
- D. All monuments, markers, headstones, and footstones shall have a four-inch-thick cement foundation with a minimum four-inch border on all sides.
- E. On cemetery lots 1-775, 779-781, 785-787, 791-793, 797-799, 800, 802-803, 806-807, 810-811, 814-815, 818-819, and 1265-1290, no monument, marker, or headstone shall be larger than 6 feet high, 3 feet wide, and 16 inches deep. On cemetery lots 776-778, 782-784, 788-790, 794-796, 801, 804-805, 808-809, 812-813, 816-817, 820-1264, and 1E-99E, no monument, marker, or headstone shall be larger than 3 feet high, 3 feet wide, and 16 inches deep. *(A graphic illustration of this is available online and at the village offices.)*
- F. All headstones must run in the same direction.
- G. All footstones must be installed flush with the ground. At no time shall aboveground footstones be permitted.
- H. The Village of Bellaire shall retain the right to remove any monument, marker, effigy, or other structure that it deems improper. Any such removals shall be charged to the owner of the burial unit on a time-and-material basis.
- I. Repair to any existing monument, marker, headstone, and/or footstone now in existence shall be the responsibility of the owner. In the event of failure to make repairs within one year after notice, the Village may order the said monument, marker, headstone, and/or footstone removed at the expense of the owner.

§ 29-8. Perpetual care & ground maintenance

The Village of Bellaire Department of Public Works shall perform perpetual care duties of the cemetery. The following rules apply:

- A. Any vegetation, including bushes, shrubs, trees, and/or ornaments placed by the lot or gravesite owner shall be placed within 18" of the headstone.



- B. Any lot or gravesite with plantings, enclosures, or decorations in place beyond 18" of the headstone prior to December 31, 2010 shall be allowed to remain. Any such planting, enclosure, or decoration that hinders the free use of lawn mowers or other maintenance apparatus must be maintained by the lot or gravesite owner or a caretaker appointed by the owner. Any planting, enclosure, or decoration not being maintained shall be removed by cemetery personnel.
- C. No grading, leveling, or excavating upon a burial unit shall be allowed without the permission of the Village of Bellaire.
- D. No fence, railing, coping, curb, wall, hedge, rocks, bricks, stones, or enclosure of any kind shall be placed or erected around any burial unit.
- E. No plastic/artificial flowers are permitted. No glass containers are allowed. Maintenance of all vases, pots, and urns are the responsibility of the lot or gravesite owner.
- F. Surfaces other than earth or sod are prohibited. Landscaping materials are not allowed.
- G. All refuse of any kind or nature including, among others, wreaths, papers, and flower containers, must be removed upon use and/or deterioration and deposited in proper waste disposal facilities.
- H. The Cemetery Sexton shall have the right and authority to remove and dispose of any planting or object that, through decay, deterioration, damage, or otherwise, has become unsightly, a source of litter, or a maintenance problem.
- I. The Village of Bellaire shall retain the right, at any time, to enter upon any lot and cut down or remove any tree, shrub, root, branch, or any part thereof as is deemed detrimental, unsightly, or inconvenient to passers, adjacent lots, or avenues of traffic and is in the interest of maintaining the proper appearance and the use of the cemetery.

If you have questions about Lakeview Cemetery, stop by the village offices at 202 N. Bridge St. in Bellaire or call 231-533-8213. Our hours are Mon -Fri, 8 am -4 pm.