

**CEMETERY REGULATIONS FOR SWEDE CEMETERY
LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF RICE LAKE, BARRON COUNTY, WI**

MANAGEMENT

1. The Swede Cemetery is owned and operated by the Town of Rice Lake.
2. The Rice Lake Town Board of Supervisors shall have general supervision and control of said cemetery.
3. The Rice Lake Town Board and/or its designated cemetery official shall be responsible for operating and maintaining said cemetery, including, but not limited to, the sale of all lots and graves and, maintaining accurate records of all sales and orders for work on all private lots.
4. All business shall be transacted through the Rice Lake Town Board including, but not limited to orders for work, bills paid, companies, and lost and found articles.

LOTS AND LOT SALES

1. Due to missing and inaccurate records being transferred to the Town of Rice Lake upon abandonment by the Lutheran Emanuel Church, the following Lots will not be sold: Lots 8 through 63 on the East side and Lots 15 through 19 on the West side.
2. No lot shall be used for any other purpose than the burial of the human dead and the placing of appropriate markers as memorials.
3. Persons desiring to purchase a lot or grave shall call the Town of Rice Lake's designated cemetery official to make an appointment. This official shall assist those persons interested in making a grave selection.
4. When the lot or grave is paid in full, a receipt will be issued to purchaser by the Town of Rice Lake treasurer.
5. The transfer of lots or parts thereof to another party must be reported to the Town of Rice Lake's designated cemetery official before said party will be allowed to use the transferred property. No person shall be recognized as owner or part owner of a lot unless his or her name appears on the cemetery records or they have proof that they are legal heirs.
6. Permission to exchange a previously purchased lot(s) for a different lot(s) within the cemetery is permissible upon approval by the Town of Rice Lake's designated cemetery official. The Town of Rice Lake's designated cemetery official shall update the cemetery records, maps and issue a letter of approval to the lot owner which identifies the old and new lot number(s).
7. The purchase of lots for the purpose of erecting a mausoleum or any above ground structure must be approved by the Town Board.

VISITOR RULES

1. Cemetery visitors will be allowed in the cemetery from sunrise to sunset. Any person(s) found loitering on the grounds during closed hours will be subject to arrest.
2. All visitors are reminded that the cemetery is considered to be sacred ground for the dead, and that a strict observance of all properties due such a place will be required.
3. Any persons disturbing the tranquility of the cemetery by noise or other improper conduct will be asked to leave the grounds or be subject to arrest.
4. No animals (pets) will be allowed in the cemetery at any time. The only exceptions will be trained service animals solely used by special needs individuals, or upon prior approval by the Town Cemetery Official or Town Board.
5. No motor vehicles other than street legal vehicles will be allowed in the cemetery at any time.
6. No motor vehicles shall be operated in the cemetery in excess of 10 mph.
7. No motor vehicle will be allowed off designated roadways at any time with the exception of those operated by the designated cemetery official, town employees and/or contracted maintenance personnel, authorized grave diggers, monument setters and vault company employees.
8. No picnics, parties or other similar gatherings will be allowed in the cemetery at any time.
9. The Rice Lake Town Board, the designated cemetery official, contracted maintenance personnel, and Town employees assume no liability for property damage or acts beyond its ability to reasonably control during normal business hours.
10. The throwing of rubbish on driveways or plotted areas is strictly prohibited.
11. Law enforcement authorities and military personnel on official duty shall be the only persons allowed to possess weapons on cemetery property.

PRIVILEGES AND RESTRICTIONS FOR LOT OWNERS

1. Perpetual care of the cemetery which covers mowing, tree trimming, spring raking, snow removal, and noxious weed trims will be assumed by contracted cemetery maintenance personnel or town employees only.
2. No persons, except the designated cemetery official, town employees or authorized contractors will be allowed to disturb any grave marker or sod on any lot or grave.
3. All lot or grave owners wishing to make improvements must consult the Town Board or the designated cemetery official before any improvements are made.

4. The designated cemetery official, contracted maintenance personnel and town employees reserve their right to enter upon any lot for the purpose of trimming or removing any tree or shrub as to it's affect upon the natural appearance of the cemetery in general. Trees will be removed when they are deemed dead, diseased or detrimental to any adjacent lot, monument walkway or driveway because of roots, branches or otherwise.
5. No tree or shrub shall be planted, removed, cut down or trimmed, within the border of any lot or grave, without the permission of the cemetery maintenance official or Town Board.
6. At no time will glass, pottery, jars, tin cans, unsightly plastic containers, wire stands, etc. be construed as permanent decorations and allowed in the cemetery. In no event will the Town Board, the cemetery official, contracted maintenance personnel or town employees be responsible for items placed on any grave.
7. At no time will fences, barriers, retaining walls or any other obstructions, be allowed in the cemetery at any time.

BURIAL RULES

1. Swede Cemetery is an abandoned cemetery, previously owned and maintained by Lutheran Emanuel Church, and due to missing and inaccurate records having been transferred to the Town of Rice Lake, no burials will be allowed in Lots 8 through 63 on the East side or in Lots 15 through 19 on the West side.
2. No grave will be laid out, dug, or closed by anyone other than the designated cemetery official or an authorized grave digger. Upon closing, the grave site shall be seeded with grass seed or have sod laid upon it.
3. No interment shall take place without a burial permit and proper papers in place with all laws having been complied with.
4. Two adult interments in one grave (one on top of another) will not be permitted. An infant child or cremains will be allowed at the foot-end of an adult grave. Not more than two (2) cremains are permitted in one grave space.
5. Interment will not be allowed unless in a cement or steel vault, excluding cremations.
6. No cremains shall be scattered on any lot or cemetery property at any time.
7. For convenience, safety and appearance, the Town of Rice Lake will not allow any other equipment but its own or that of an authorized vault company or grave digger to be used for a grave service.
8. The funeral director or designated official shall be required to be in attendance at every interment.

9. The cemetery official, employees of the town, and contracted maintenance personnel shall have the right to enter upon any lot and remove any structure, display or inscription placed on the lot that is deemed by the cemetery official or Town Board to be offensive, improper or injurious to the appearance of the lot or grounds.
10. Notice given as soon as possible would be appreciated for interment orders to cemetery officials. Minimum notice should be 48 hours prior to interment.
11. Fresh floral arrangements and floral pieces will be removed as soon as they become unsightly.
12. Any person engaged in work while in the vicinity of a burial must suspend their labor during the service at the grave.
13. Disinterment of a body will not be made without proper authority in accordance with the laws of the state of Wisconsin. All permits must be presented to the cemetery official prior to disinterment so that proper arrangements can be made.

MONUMENT RULES

1. No monument, foundation or marker will be allowed to be placed on the lot unless the grave site is paid in full.
2. Monuments, grave markers and foundations will be set only by reputable monument companies or cemetery officials according to the rules specified in these regulations.
3. All permanent headstones or foot stones must have at least a 4 inch margin around the base of said stone. All monuments must be set in line with other monuments so far as possible as directed by the cemetery official.
4. Stones or monuments once placed on their foundations shall not be removed except by permission of the cemetery official or the town board.
5. All markers placed on the east end (foot end) of the grave must be flush to the nominal ground level. At no time will above ground markers be allowed on the east end of a grave.
6. All monuments shall be of good grade marble, granite or bronze materials built by reputable companies. No vertical joints will be permitted as part of the monument structure. All foundations for monuments and other structures must be sufficient depth into the ground in order to support it. No monument or marker shall be erected until the foundation has been approved by the cemetery official. The Town of Rice Lake Board reserves the right to place a temporary marker on a grave until the permanent marker is placed.
7. The Town Board reserves the right to refuse permission for the erection of any monument not in keeping with the good appearance of the grounds.

8. Persons engaged in placing vaults, monuments or other structures are prohibited from attaching ropes, cables or chains to trees, shrubs or other structures within the cemetery.
9. Workmen engaged in placing stones or monuments shall provide suitable boards on the ground for the truck to run. All boards, rubbish and excess dirt must be removed and the grounds left in good clean condition comparable to prior to when the work had begun at the grave site.
10. While responsible care will be given to protect monuments and markers, the Town of Rice Lake will not be responsible for loss or damage to said markers or monuments erected within the cemetery.

Any variances to these rules must be brought before the Rice Lake Town Board of Supervisors for approval.

Approved and accepted on this 14th day of December, 2015 by the Town of Rice Lake Board of Supervisors.

Thomas Fankhauser, Chairman

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Town Clerk for the Town of Rice Lake, does hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Rice Lake at a meeting held on December 14, 2015, which meeting was properly noticed and conducted in the manner provided for by law, and at which a quorum of members of the Town Board were present.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2015.

Janet Tomesh, Clerk/Treasurer