Ordinance No. 584-2
AMENDMENT TO BEDFORD TOWNSHIP CEMETARY ORDNANCE

An Ordinance enacted pursuant to Public Act 246 of 1945, as amended, to repeal and restate the entire Bedford Township Cemetery Ordinance, Ordinance No. 584, effective October 6, 1981, and amended March 5, 1991, to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by establishing rules and regulations governing the use, care, maintenance and administration of the Township Cemeteries, including the Township of Bedford Cemetery, located within the Township of Bedford, Monroe County, State of Michigan, to provide for the enforcement of said Ordinance; and to repeal all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict therewith.

The Township of Bedford, Monroe County, State of Michigan, by and through its Township Board and Township Clerk, hereby directs that the remainder of the cemetery shall be open to the public on a continuous basis except on the dates and times set forth by Resolution of the Township Board, payable to the Township of Bedford.

This ordinance shall become effective the 31st day after it is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Bedford, County of Monroe, State of Michigan.

The Township Board, Bedford Township
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STATE OF MICHIGAN

February 7, 2011

Section 1. Title
This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Bedford Township Cemetery Ordinance.

Section 2. Definitions
A. "Burial Space" shall be defined pursuant to the following:
1. "Adult Burial Space" shall consist of a land area four feet wide and eight feet in length.
2. "Cremation Burial Space" shall consist of a land area two feet wide and two feet in length.
3. "Infant or Stillborn Burial Space" shall consist of a land area two feet wide and four feet in length. In areas set aside specifically for such burials.
4. "Monument Burial Space" shall consist of a land area four feet wide and nine feet in length. In areas set aside specifically for such burials.
B. All such sales shall be made on a form prepared by the Township Clerk's designee.
C. "Sexton" shall be the Township Clerk or Township Clerk's designee.
D. "Resident" shall mean any person who resides in the Township of Bedford or has resided in the Township for one year or more.
E. "Nonresident" shall mean any person who does not reside in the Township of Bedford.
F. "Burial Lot" shall mean the space sold. Such form shall be executed by the Sexton.
G. "Walkway" is the open space sold. Such form shall be executed by the Sexton.
H. "Feet" means the distance of three lineal feet.
I. "Foot" means the distance of three lineal feet.
J. "Square Foot" shall mean square feet of space sold.
K. "Monument" shall include "great-" to the above where necessary.
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Section 4. Purchase Price and Transfer Fees
The purchase price of a burial space and any transfer fees shall be established by the Township Board by Resolution, and may be periodically altered to accommodate increased costs and needed reserve funds for cemetery maintenance and acquisition.

Section 5. Grave Opening Charges
A. The opening and closing of any burial space in the Township of Bedford Cemetery shall be for personal use, except as otherwise granted by the Sexton. The Sexton may be required to charge a fee for any opening of a burial space except as otherwise determined by the Sexton.
B. All markers or memorials must be of stone or other equally durable composition.
C. Only one monument, marker or memorial shall be placed in a burial space, except that an additional flat marker, if approved by the Sexton, may be placed for the memorial of military service, for the memorial of civil service, or for other approved reasons.
D. All monuments may be the size required to accommodate increased costs in the construction of such monuments or markers and memorials.

Section 6. Markers, Memorials and Other Adornment of Graves
A. Only one monument, marker or memorial shall be placed in the confines of the burial space involved, as determined by the Sexton. Each monument shall be constructed by the Sexton, to the dimensions of the space sold. Such form shall be executed by the Sexton.
B. The Sexton shall maintain records of the creation and maintenance of such monuments, markers or memorials.
C. Any monument, marker or memorial must be of stone or other equally durable composition. The Sexton shall have the right and authority to remove and deposit in the Township the monuments, markers or memorials, and shall cancel and terminate any other advertisement, including, but not limited to, any name, number or design.
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Section 7. Interment Regulations
A. Only one person may be buried in a burial space.
B. Two children buried at the same time.
C. Two feet by one foot or less
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Section 8. Indigent Burials
Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of the within Ordinance and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of up to $500.00 for each violation and/or imprisonment for up to 90 days for each violation.

Section 9. Ground Maintenance
A. No grading, leveling or excavating upon a burial space shall be allowed without the permission of the Sexton.
B. No flowers, shrubs, trees, or vegetation of any type shall be planted without the approval of the Sexton. Any of the foregoing items planted without such approval may be removed by the Sexton.
C. The Township Board reserves the right to regulate, order and control the placement, points or site of any monument, marker or memorial located within the cemetery in the interest of protecting the monuments and memorials and the use of the cemetery.
D. The Sexton shall have the right and authority to remove and deposit any and all growth, emblems, displays or containers therefrom that through decay, deterioration, or otherwise becomes unsightly, undesirable, or a property hazard or contributes to the pollution of the same.
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Section 10. Repurchase of Lots or Burial Spaces
The Township shall repurchase any lot or burial space from the owner for the original price paid the Township upon written request of said owner's legal representatives.

Section 11. Records
This ordinance shall maintain records concerning all burials, issuance of cemetery lot certificates, and any perpetual care fund.

Section 12. Vault
A. Vaults shall be within a standard concrete grava liner or vault installed or approved by the Sexton for burial space before interment.

Section 13. CremaTins
Any cremains shall be interred or buried in a vault or container that is authorized by the Sexton. The Sexton shall at all times maintain the Cemetery in as neat and orderly a manner as possible.

Section 14. Cemetery Hours
The Cemetery shall be open to the general public from the dawn to dusk each day.

Section 15. Penalties
Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of the within Ordinance and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of up to $500.00 for each violation and/or imprisonment for up to 90 days for each violation.

Section 16. Prior and Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 17. Severability
In the event that any provision, parts, sentences, paragraphs, subsections, phrases, or clauses of this ordinance shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, it is the intention hereby declared that the remainder of the same shall not be affected.

Section 18. Effective Date
This ordinance shall become effective the 31st day after it is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Bedford, County of Monroe, State of Michigan.