

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING**

**FORT
LAURENS
CEMETERY**

BOLIVAR, OHIO

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All lot owners and visitors shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the cemetery, and to all rules which may hereafter be made and approved by the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees. These rules and regulations supersede previous rules and regulations set by said Board.

Owners of deeds for lots acquire the right of human burial only. No lot shall be used for any other reason than for the burial of the human dead.

No deed will be issued to any lot until the same has been paid in full. No partial payments for lots will be accepted, nor will reserving lots be allowed. The charge for opening and closing of a grave must be paid on or before the time of burial.

Lot owners may grant the privilege of interment of others than their own in their lots, but not for money or other considerations of profit. Speculating and/or trafficking of cemetery lots is prohibited. The Board may repurchase lots from its patrons at the original price of purchase provided the following conditions have been met:

1. Lawrence Township Board of Trustees will only repurchase lots in sections seven (7) and eight (8).
2. Lots must have been in the original owner's possession for at least five (5) years to be considered for repurchase.

3. Repurchased lots shall be available for resale at current value.

Installation of monument foundations will be by direction of the Sexton. All foundations at the head of the grave must be 3' in depth and square at the bottom of foundation, and with 4" margins. Military markers will be set flush with the ground and be made of bronze with the foundation of the same to be 2' in depth and margins of no less than 2".

No monument shall exceed 48" from the base to the top. All monument foundations shall be not less than eight inches larger than the monument base. Generally a lot with two graves is 120" wide. Monuments shall not be installed until payment for foundation has been paid in full. No monument, once erected, may be removed from the cemetery without a request and permission from the Sexton.

A current fee schedule will be made available at the administration office or by visiting the Lawrence Township website at www.lawrencetownship.org. All lot purchases at Ft. Laurens Cemetery may be made through the Sexton. Upon payment of the full purchase price of the lot, a proper receipt will be given, a copy of which will be presented to the Fiscal Officer who will deliver a deed for the lot purchased and will keep a copy of such deed recorded in their records.

It is the desire of all who are responsible for the perpetual care and maintenance of our cemetery to keep a clean and well-kept burial ground. In order to maintain the natural beauty of the cemetery and to be reminded that the cemetery is a sacred memorial to the burial of the dead, the following clarifications to the general rules and regulations of the cemetery are set forth.

No lights, lighted trees, bushes or shrubs shall be permitted at any time.

No fences, curbing, coping, borders, edging or structures of any kind or material shall be permitted.

No hedges, shrubbery, trees, bushes and the like shall be planted or potted.

All trees and shrubs existing are planned, planted and maintained by the Cemetery. At no time shall they be trimmed, pruned or otherwise disturbed by anyone other than by direction of the Sexton.

No glass containers or decorations of any kind are permitted.

No perennial plants or vines shall be planted.

No rocks, stone, or concrete shall be used within the cemetery.

No boundary markers of any kind shall be used. The cemetery has markers within the ground to identify the lots.

All decorations must be removed from lots by the 15th day of March. The Sexton of the cemetery has orders and rights given by the Board to remove said decorations.

All refuse shall be taken or placed in the wire baskets provided by the Cemetery.

Should it be desired to plant flowers upon a lot, they must be planted in a bed in the front of the foundation. If the weeds become overgrown or the planting is not maintained it will be removed, mowed as grass, or reseeded.

No elevated plantings or mounds over the graves are allowed. The Sexton shall improve upon all lots before and after interments.

In no case shall a lot owner or other person apply in any way chemicals, herbicide, fertilizer or lawn or animal control or like material.

An outside container or vault that is to be made of reinforced concrete or steel is to be used for all interments.

Funeral processions will not be allowed to enter after 2:45 p.m. except by permission of the Sexton. The Sexton shall be contacted before setting the time of a funeral to avoid conflict with another

funeral. Notice of not less than 12 working hours, shall be given to open a grave. All funeral processions upon entering the Cemetery shall be under the direction and control of the Sexton. There shall be no holiday or Sunday burials. The fee payment to open and close a grave shall be made on or before the opening and closing of a grave.

Ft. Laurens Cemetery is open during daylight hours only, any person or persons found outside that time will be charged as a trespasser or trespassers, and be prosecuted accordingly.

No firearms other than the military or officers of the law are permitted.

Vehicles are not to exceed 15 m.p.h. and are to use the paved roadway to drive and park.

The Sexton has the right to ask lot owners and visitors to move or leave so to not interfere with a funeral.

The Lawrence Township Board of Trustees, the Sexton, and employees reserve, and shall have, the right to correct any errors that may be made be it in making interments or in the conveyance of property. Also, the Cemetery assumes no liability for any damage to any monument or marker.

The Cemetery office is located at the Lawrence Township Administration Building and is open from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., weekdays. The office is not open weekends or holidays.

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The Sexton shall have the right to interpret any rule or regulation not specifically covered in this booklet.

This Cemetery is registered with the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing.

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Benjamin Franklin is credited with saying "I only need to visit the graveyard of a community to know the character of its people."