

**LITITZ MORAVIAN CONGREGATION
CEMETERY
RULES and REGULATIONS**

(Revised June 2016)

ARTICLE I

The “Old Graveyard Flat Stone Section” also known as God’s Acre.

Section 1. This section is reserved, at no charge, as the place for burial for members of the Lititz Moravian Congregation in good standing and their minor children. Burial costs are the responsibility of the deceased member’s estate. Interments are restricted to one per plot which can be either traditional burial or cremation. Cremains may be interred in biodegradable or non-biodegradable containers.

Section 2. Ordained Ministers of other Moravian Churches (in active or inactive service and regardless of where they are living at the time of their death) and their spouses or widows shall have the same rights of burial as members of the Lititz Moravian Congregation.

Section 3. A strict adherence to our custom as it relates to the external appearance of the grave is required: (a) The size of the grave stone shall not exceed thirty-six by twenty-four (36 x 24) inches and four (4) inches in thickness. (b) Grave stones shall be single tiered without a pedestal base and shall be flush with the surrounding ground. (c) A one and a half inch margin must be dug around each stone in God’s Acre under the ground before the stone is laid.

The Cemetery Board reserves the right to level and re-grade grave stones without notice.

Section 4. The service of the Trombone Choir is considered part of the Moravian burial service for members of the Lititz Moravian Congregation and arrangements must be made with the pastor.

Section 5. No plants or shrubbery shall be planted on the graves. Live cuttings will be removed as they become unsightly, detrimental, or inconvenient.

Section 6. The grave stone for a child shall be made of white marble with the uniform dimensions of twelve by eighteen (12 x18) inches and four (4) inches in thickness and shall be single tiered without a pedestal base, and shall be flush with the surrounding ground. The Cemetery Board reserves the right to level and re-grade grave stones without notice.

Note: All clarifications are to be determined by the Cemetery Board.

ARTICLE II

THE MORAVIAN PUBLIC CEMETERY

(The Moravian Public Cemetery includes all of the area also known as the Lititz Moravian Congregation Cemetery except “The Old Graveyard Flat Stone Section” also known as “God’s Acre” and the “The Memorial Garden” set aside for interment of cremains in biodegradable containers.)

SALE and TRANSFER of LOTS

- Section 1.** Only Lititz Moravian Congregation members may purchase lot(s). Lots are secured by deed to the purchasers, their families and heirs, as a burial place forever.
- Section 2.** Lot prices vary. Prices are set by the Cemetery Board of the Lititz Moravian Congregation and include perpetual care.
- Section 3.** No lot will be regarded as sold until fully paid for and deed issued. If parties make interments before paying in full for their lots, the Cemetery Board reserves the right to remove bodies at any time to the single grave division of the cemetery, and to sell such lot(s) to other parties without refunding any money paid thereon. The same will be regarded as compensation for removing the body or bodies to the single grave section.
- Section 4.** Lot-holders may sell only to the Lititz Moravian Congregation for the price paid at the time of purchase.
- Section 5.** Information concerning lots or graves can be obtained from the Cemetery Board Chairperson or the Lititz Moravian Church Office.

ARTICLE III GRADE LINES

- Section 1.** The grade of avenues, walks, and lots shall be established by the Cemetery Board.
- Section 2.** Corner posts marking the boundary of lots must be set level with the ground. The Cemetery Board shall have the right/authority to move above ground corner post level with a surface.
- Section 3.** No plot(s) shall be enclosed with a fence, hedge, wall, coping or other enclosure.
- Section 4.** No lot owner shall be permitted to raise a lot, or any portion thereof, above the level of the surrounding surface.
- Section 5.** Curbing of stone, iron or wood around graves, and board designation graves, of any shape whatsoever, are strictly prohibited, and no mound shall be raised above the level of the surrounding surface.

**ARTICLE IV
MONUMENTS, TOMBS, AND HEADSTONES**

- Section 1.** No monument, marker, vault, tomb, effigy, nor any structure whatsoever, nor any inscription thereon, shall be placed in or upon any lot which shall be determined by The Cemetery Board to be offensive or improper. The Board shall have the right, and shall it be their duty, to remove the said offensive or improper object.
- Section 2.** No vault or tomb shall be built entirely or partly above ground.
- Section 3.** The Cemetery Board has no wish to interfere with individual taste in the construction of monuments. Its duty is to protect the interests of each lot-holder. The Board reserve to the right to prevent the erection of, or to remove, anything which might interfere with the general effect, obstruct principal views, or seem to them in any way improper.
- Section 4.** If a headstone becomes dilapidated, the Cemetery Board shall notify the owner thereof, if he or she can be found, to repair the same.
- Section 5.** In extreme cases of dilapidation, either where the owner cannot be found or refuses to repair, the headstone may be disposed of.
- Section 6.** Materials brought to the grounds of the cemetery for the purpose of building monuments, headstones, etc., shall be left by lot-holders, or mechanics employed by them, at the risk of the owner. The Cemetery Board assumes no responsibility thereto.
- Section 7.** Foundations for monuments, headstones, and the like shall be of stone laid in cement. The base must be three (3) inches larger than the bottom of the monument, etc., and shall be regulated by the Cemetery Board under whose direction will be constructed.
- Section 8.** Contractors and workmen employed in the construction of vaults or tombs, erection of monuments, etc. will be subject to the control and direction of the Cemetery Board. A workman failing to conform to this rule will not be permitted to work in the cemetery thereafter.
- Section 9.** Person(s) engaged in erecting vaults, monuments, or other structures, are prohibited from attaching ropes to trees, shrubs, or other objects, without permission from the Cemetery Board.

**ARTICLE V
INTERMENTS**

- Section 1.** Removal(s) from other cemeteries or cities must be accompanied by the proper papers, as prescribed by law. No removal will be allowed from a lot or grave in the cemetery without a written order from the owner.
- Section 2.** One (1) traditional burial and two (2) cremations or up to four (4) cremations will be permitted per grave lot. Cremation interment requires either papier Mache biodegradable containers or urn. Traditional burials must go in the space first before any cremation interment.

**ARTICLE VI
THE MEMORIAL GARDEN**

- Section 1.** The Memorial Garden in the Moravian Public Cemetery is set aside solely for the interment of cremains in biodegradable containers. Memorial Garden interment is open to members of the Lititz Moravian Congregation and non-members. Non-members will be interred at a higher fee set by the Cemetery Board.
- Section 2.** The Memorial Garden will provide a one (1) foot square unmarked, secure in-ground storage area for the placement of cremated remains. The Memorial Garden will provide a permanent marking on the stone obelisk indicating the Decedent's name, year of birth and year of death. The stone obelisk in the Memorial Garden will be maintained by the Lititz Moravian Congregation. No other markings relative to cremains interred are permitted in the Memorial Garden.
- Section 3.** When all the available one (1) foot square in-ground storage areas referred to in Section 2 (above) becomes occupied, the Cemetery Board will reuse the occupied one (1) foot square areas for new interments of cremains beginning with the earliest occupied of the one (1) foot square areas.
- Section 4.** The Memorial Garden will be available and open for visitation in accordance with the current Rules and Regulations.
- Section 5.** The Memorial Garden shall be maintained and operated by the Lititz Moravian Congregation subject to the applicable statutes and regulations regarding burial grounds.

**ARTICLE VII
MISCELLANEOUS**

- Section 1.** If trees, shrubs, or flowers in lots become unsightly by their roots, branches, etc., and/or become detrimental to adjacent lots, walks, or roads, the Cemetery Board has the right to remove the items they deem to be detrimental, unsightly, inconvenient.
- Section 2.** Non-sanctioned benches, chairs, boxes, shells, toys, wire screens, arbors, trellises, tripods, or designs of any description, rustic work and so-called ornaments and architectural objects not approved by the Cemetery Board are considered detrimental to the beauty and dignity of the cemetery, and are not allowed.
- Section 3.** Visitors will behave in a matter that preserve the sacredness of the cemetery so it can be fully appreciated by visitors.
- Section 4.** Visitors are requested to keep on walks and not to pluck flowers or shrubs, injure trees, write upon or mark any building, monument, fence, or other structure. Violators will be liable to arrest and prosecution according to law.

**ARTICLE VII
MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)**

- Section 5.** Hunting is not permitted on the premises.
- Section 6.** No dogs or pets are permitted in the cemetery, Memorial Garden, or God's Acre
- Section 7.** The Cemetery Board has the authority to stop work that does not conform to approved plans.
- Section 8.** The placing of tombstone bases shall be supervised by the Cemetery Board. These services shall be charged at the prevailing rate set by the Cemetery Board.
- Section 9.** The foregoing rules and regulations are subject to change by the Cemetery Board of the Lititz Moravian Congregation.
- Section 10.** Issues not fully addressed in these rules and regulations must be referred to the Cemetery Board, who will determine what is consistent for the welfare of the cemetery grounds and not inconsistent with the established rules and regulations already adopted.
- Section 11.** The document Rules and Regulations of the Moravian Cemetery should be reviewed and revised, if needed, at a time frame not in excess of seven years after the previous review.

Cemetery Board Members:

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