

FINAL
(June 3, 2019)

**GRANT TOWNSHIP
NEWAYGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN
(Ordinance No. 2019-001)**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for the Township of Grant held at the Township offices on June 3, 2019, beginning at 7 p.m., Township Board Member Gladys VeltKamp made a motion to adopt this Ordinance, which was seconded by Township Board Member Max Mellon:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GRANT TOWNSHIP
CEMETERY ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 2011-02).**

THE TOWNSHIP OF GRANT (the “Township”), NEWAYGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN,
ORDAINS:

Article 1 – Subsection 4(e) of the Grant Township Cemetery Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2011-02)

is hereby amended to state in full as follows:

- (e) Cemetery plots are generally nontransferable except as follows:
 - (i) Cemetery plots may be sold back to the Township for the original purchase price (for later resale by the Township); or
 - (ii) Cemetery plots may be transferred but only if the Township Clerk authorizes such transfer beforehand in a written document signed by the Township Clerk.

Article 2 – Section 5 of the Grant Township Cemetery Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2011-02) is hereby amended to state as follows:

- (a) The Township Board shall set fees for cemetery plots and burial spaces periodically by resolution. Fees may differ for residents, taxpayers and nonresidents, cremains, infant burials and other distinctions.

- (b) All charges and fees shall be paid to the Township Treasurer, by way of the Township Clerk.
- (c) The Township Board may waive some or all fees for the burial of indigent persons. Furthermore, the Township Board may set aside a portion of a Township cemetery or cemeteries for the burial of indigent persons.

Article 3 – Subsection 7(c) of the Grant Township Cemetery Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2011-02) is hereby amended to state as follows:

- (c) The footing or foundation upon which any marker or memorial must be placed shall be constructed, erected or be installed by the Township, or such person(s) as may be designated by the Township Board. Fees for such work shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Township Board, payable to the Township.

Article 4 – Subsection 7(e) of the Grant Township Cemetery Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2011-02) is hereby amended to state as follows:

- (e) The maintenance, repair and upkeep of a cemetery memorial, marker, urn or similar item are the responsibility of the heirs or family of the person buried at that location. The Township has no responsibility or liability regarding the repair, maintenance or upkeep regarding any such marker, memorial, urn or similar item. If the Township (or one of its contractors, agents or employees) damages a marker or memorial, the Township has the discretion to replace or repair the damaged item, but is not obligated to do so.

Article 5 – Subsection 8(a) of the Grant Township Cemetery Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2011-02) is hereby amended to state as follows:

- (a) In general, only one (1) person shall be buried in a cemetery plot, except that two (2) cremains in total may be buried in one cemetery plot or one casket and one cremains in total may be buried in one cemetery plot.

Article 6 – Section 15 of the Grant Township Cemetery Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2011-02) is hereby amended to state as follows:

The Township may repurchase any vacant cemetery plot from the owner for the price that the Township originally sold the cemetery plot (unless a different price is set by the Township Board). Any such repurchase of cemetery plot shall be done upon the written request of the then-owner of the cemetery plot or his or her legal heirs or representatives.

Article 7 – SEVERABILITY

Should any portion or part of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, that shall not affect the rest or balance of this Ordinance/ordinance amendment, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Article 8 – VALIDITY

Except as expressly amended by this Ordinance/ordinance amendment, the rest or balance of the Grant Township Cemetery Ordinance (Ordinance Number 2011-02) shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article 9 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance/ordinance amendment shall take effect upon the expiration of thirty (30) days after its publication (or a summary thereof) in the manner provided by law.

The vote to adopt this Ordinance/ordinance amendment was as follows:

YEAS: Five (5) _____

NAYS: Zero (0) _____

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: Zero (0) _____

ORDINANCE/ORDINANCE AMENDMENT DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above is a true copy of an Ordinance/ordinance amendment adopted by the Township Board for Grant Township at the time, date and place as specified above, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys VeltKamp

Gladys VeltKamp
Grant Township Clerk