

**TOWN OF MAPLE CREEK
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

Ordinance Chapter 9

Amending Town of Maple Creek Ordinance Chapter 9, entitled Town Cemetery

The Town Board of the Town of Maple Creek, pursuant to its authority under 157.50 of the Wisconsin Statutes, does hereby amend the Town of Maple Creek Town Cemetery Ordinance and does ordain as follows:

1. Section 9.01 Administration, paragraph 6, is hereby repealed and recreated as follows:

[6] Compensation; Expenses. Members of the Cemetery Commission will serve on the Cemetery Commission on a per diem basis as set by the Town Board, along with any special meetings that may occur. The Town Board may also reimburse reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the members as allowed under Sec. 60.32 Wis. Stats.

2. Section 9.02 Platting of New Cemetery Lots or Expanded Cemetery Operations, Paragraph 2, is hereby repealed and recreated as follows:

[2] Single Grave Section. The Cemetery Commission, the Sexton, or designee of the Town Board of Maple Creek shall designate, for any Town of Maple Creek Cemetery, certain lots as a single grave section and such lots shall be so recorded.

3. Section 9.04 Ownership Rights of Interment paragraph 1c is hereby repealed.

4. Section 9.04 Ownership Rights of Interment paragraph 1d is hereby renamed as paragraph 1c.

5. Section 9.04 Ownership Rights of Interment paragraph 6 is hereby repealed.

6. Section 9.05 Care of Lots is hereby repealed and recreated as follows:

[1] Funds. The Town Board shall annually fix in its budget, as required under 157.10(5) Wis. Stats, a sum necessary for the proper and decent care of cemetery lots and improvement of any Town of Maple Creek Cemetery, including obtaining from different sources, including funds from Outagamie County for Veteran's graves under Chapter 45 Wis. Stats., sufficient income for such care improvements and operations. This sum shall include special assessments, perpetual care funds, and special charges. It shall not include any income received to insure proper and timely placement of markers and monuments.

[2] General Improvements. The Cemetery Commission of the Town of Maple Creek, or the Sexton, will direct and administer all improvements and maintenance within the cemetery before and after any interments or burials. All graves will be sodded and mowed, when determined necessary by the Cemetery Commission, Sexton, or other designee of the Town Board of Maple Creek. Re-sodding of old interments or disinterments will be done when determined necessary by the Cemetery Commission, Sexton or designee of the Town Board.

[3] Care for Veteran's Graves. All cemeteries and other burial sites in the Town of Maple Creek shall provide proper and decent care for the graves and tombstones for Veterans under 45.185 Wis. Stats. The Cemetery Commission shall at all times see that such care is provided and that such funding is timely obtained from Outagamie County annually to aid such care.

7. Section 9.06 Privileges and Restrictions, paragraph 2, is hereby repealed and recreated as follows:

[2] Limitations on Structures and Urns. No hedges, fences, railings, embankments, depressions, or other enclosures of any kind will be permitted on or around lots in any Town of Maple Creek Cemetery. Objects and decorations not in compliance with the By-laws and Regulations of the Town of Maple Creek Cemetery may not be placed on lots without approval of the Cemetery Commission, Sexton or designee of the Town Board. Above ground urns are not permitted at any Town of Maple Creek Cemetery after the passage of this ordinance. Existing urns shall be removed by the Cemetery Commission, Sexton, or designee of the

Town Board as they become unsightly or deteriorated and shall not be replaced without permission of Cemetery Commission, Sexton or designee. However before such an urn is destroyed or discarded, the last owner of record of the lot shall be notified by registered mail, with return receipt requested, that such urn has been removed from the grave and will be destroyed unless the owner thereof claims same within thirty (30) days after mailing of such letter.

8. Section 9.08 Interments, paragraph 2, is hereby repealed and recreated as follows:

[2] Outer Containers. All non-cremation burials, interments and disinterment at any Town of Maple Creek Cemetery shall be placed in a vault.

9. Section 9.08 Interments, paragraph 4, is hereby repealed and recreated as follows:

[4] Burial Permit. The burial of bodies of persons who have died of contagious disease shall be in strict accordance with the rules of the State Board of Health.

9. Section 9.08 Interments, paragraph 6, is hereby repealed and recreated as follows:

[6] Number of Graves per Lot. The interment or burial of one body per grave shall be the requirement at any Town of Maple Creek Cemetery except in the following circumstances:

[a] Four (4) remains from cremation shall be allowed in one (1) full grave with one (1) headstone or flat marker, and two (2) remains from cremations shall be allowed in a cremation grave.

[b] One (1) full-body and one (1) cremation shall be allowed in one (1) grave, with one (1) headstone or flat marker.

[c] All cremations shall be placed in permanent outer container with or without a vault.

9. Section 9.09 Monuments and Markers, paragraph 4, is hereby repealed and recreated as follows:

[4] Payment. Any lot at a Town of Maple Creek Cemetery must be paid in full to the Town Clerk or Town Treasurer before markers, monuments and foundation are set and before any Cemetery Deed conveyance. All outstanding charges due must be paid prior to interment or burial. The Cemetery Commission shall establish the cost per lot, which shall include perpetual care and any annual assessment. The cost per lot purchase is subject to increases or decreases as reviewed by the Cemetery Commission and approved by the Town Board.

Adopted this 13th day of January, 2009.

Town of Maple Creek Town Board

By: _____
Chairperson

Supervisor

Supervisor

Attest: _____
Town Clerk

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NOTICE: For a full copy of changes to previous cemetery ordinance place contact Clerk Larry Katerzynske – 920-634-9429 or maplecreekclerk@gmail.com