

ORDINANCE NO 2006-7

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE CHAPIN CEMETERY

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the Village of Chapin, Morgan County, Illinois, have determined that it is necessary to update and revise its rules and regulations relating to the Chapin Cemetery;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chapin, Morgan County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. The following ordinances of the Village of Chapin, Morgan County, Illinois, are hereby repealed: Ordinance No. 85-7, Ordinance No. 96-1 and Ordinance No. 02-1.

SECTION 2. Effective January 1, 2007, the following rules and regulations shall govern the use of the Chapin Cemetery.

Section A. Definitions. As used in this ordinance, the term "lot" shall mean the area where one (1) non-cremated body may be buried or where up to four (4) cremated bodies may be buried. As used in this ordinance, the term "plot" shall mean an area containing four (4) lots. A plot will be a standard size of sixteen (16) feet by ten (10) feet.

Section B. Lot and Plot Fees. The fees for a lot in the Chapin Cemetery shall be as follows: residents, \$200.00; non-residents, \$400.00. The fees for a plot in the Chapin Cemetery shall be as follows: residents, \$800.00; non-residents, \$1,600.00. It is permissible to sell individual lots.

The Village Treasurer shall be responsible for charging and collecting all fees associated with the purchase of lots and plots. The Village Clerk shall administer, prepare and distribute deeds to the lots and plots.

Section C. Burials. All non-cremated bodies shall be buried in a casket, which shall be encased in either a concrete container or a metal vault.

Section D. Headstones.

1. There shall be no more than one (1) above-ground headstone per lot and a maximum of four (4) above-ground headstones per plot. For cremated burials, there shall be no more than four (4) foot plaques on any single lot.
2. The foundation of each headstone shall be level with the ground.
3. Headstones shall be of a minimum size of eight (8) inches by twelve (12) inches plus four (4) inches of border.
4. The total foundation plus border of a headstone shall not be less than twelve (12) inches deep, plus not less than two (2) six (6) inch holes drilled or dug – overall depth thirty-six (36) inches and filled with concrete for support. The formula for the foundation shall be made of not less than four (4) parts gravel and sand to one (1) part cement.

Section E. The Placement of Flowers and Other Decorations. It is permitted to place cut flowers, plastic flowers and other decorations on cemetery lots on and during the seven (7) days immediately before and after the following holidays: Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Veteran's Day, Memorial Day and Christmas. The Village may remove any articles remaining on a lot after the 7th day following a holiday. Cut flowers, plastic flowers and other decorations may be placed on cemetery lots on other days of the year provided the articles are properly maintained and do not create an unsightly appearance or an accumulation of trash and debris. The Village may, at its sole discretion, remove and destroy all articles placed on a lot it deems to be unsightly or to constitute trash or debris.

Section F. Trees, Shrubs and Plants. The planting of any tree, shrub or plant in the Chapin Cemetery is hereby prohibited. The Village of Chapin is hereby authorized to remove any tree, shrub or other plant planted in the cemetery after January 1, 2007.

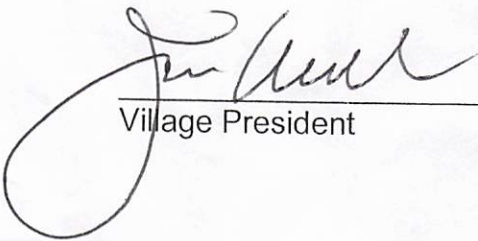
Section G. Penalties. Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or entity violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined \$100.00 for each offense. In the case of a violation of Section D of this ordinance, the Village may act to make the violating headstone comply with Section D of this ordinance and charge the cost of such action to the person, firm, partnership, corporation or entity responsible for said violation. If it is impossible or impractical to make such headstone conform to this ordinance, then such headstone may be removed and the cost of removal

may be charged to the person, firm, partnership, corporation or entity responsible for said violation.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Village of Chapin, Morgan County, Illinois, conflicting with this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

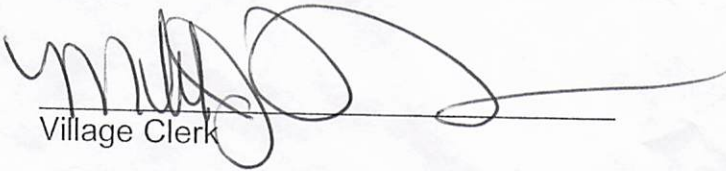
SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form.

Passed and approved by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chapin, Morgan County, Illinois, on the 13 day of December, 2006.



Village President

Attest:



Village Clerk

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