

RESOLUTION C2018-01

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND REVISING FEE
SCHEDULE FOR SYMMES TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio established and adopted rules and regulations for township cemeteries on March 6, 1990 by passed of Resolution C-9001; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio established and adopted a Rate Schedule for the cost of the grave spaces, opening and closing fees, foundations, and cornerstones pursuant to Resolution C-9001; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the adopted rules and regulations and to the Rate Schedule have been made pursuant to Resolutions C-9601 (Adopted 5/21/96), C-0001 (Adopted 5/19/00), C-0201 (Adopted 9/3/02), C-0301 (Adopted 7/1/03), C-0302 (Adopted 10/7/03), C-0401 (Adopted 9/7/04), C-0701 (Adopted 6/5/07), C2011-01, C2011-02 (Adopted 6/1/11), C2013-01 (Adopted 10/1/13), C2015-01 (Adopted 9/1/15) and C2016-01 (Adopted 10/4/16); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined the need to amend the rules and regulations and to revise the Rate Schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio that:

Section 1. That the attached schedule of fees for the Cemeteries are hereby revised as follows:

Memorial Garden (cremains received from other governments for scattering - \$500.00.

Section 2. The schedule of fees adopted herein shall take effect and be enforced retroactive from January 1, 2018.

Section 3. That the Symmes Township Cemetery Rules and Regulations are hereby amended as follows:

PURCHASE OF GRAVES

(3) Residents may purchase up to four graves at Resident rate. Over four will be a non-resident rate. A resident is not permitted to purchase a grave at a resident rate for a non-resident. A non-resident is anyone not residing in Symmes Township. **Payment for graves will be made at the time of purchase and shall be paid in full. No partial payments will be**

accepted.

BURIALS

(4) Charges for services are shown on the Rate Schedule and are subject to change. All charges must be paid at the time of interment. No burial will be allowed until **a deed can be provided** and all other fees are paid.

(8) The Township will only accept human or cremated remains for burial.

(12) All families or persons who have the authority to bury will be required to agree to and sign off on the location of the grave prior to burial.

DECORATIONS

(2) Funeral Flowers will be removed five (5) days after the Holiday except those placed on monuments or in monument vases. Flowers and other decorations placed on graves are periodically removed for grass mowing and other maintenance. All ground decorations will be removed annually after **the second week in March** in preparation for the first mowing.

MEMORIAL GARDENS

(10) The memorializing of cremains will be permitted Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 p.m. to Noon. No memorializing will be allowed on Sundays, Holidays or Holiday weekends.

COLUMBARIUM

(3) All cremains must be contained within a suitable container as determined by the Cemetery Sexton. **No containers shall be left unattended.**

(10) All cremations must be accompanied by a Cremation Authorization Form. No removals or movement of niche sites will be granted unless the form grants them the authorization for the movement of removal.

OPERATION

The Township reserves and shall have the right to correct any errors made by the Township employees in making interments, inurnments, disinterment's or removals, memorial work, or other related cemetery work. In the event any burial is made in a grave other than the grave in which such remains should have been placed, whether through fault of the Township or otherwise, the Township shall have the right to disinter and transfer such remains to the grave in which they should have been placed. **The Township is not responsible for any personal property that may or may not be**

buried or placed in the columbarium.

Section 4. It is hereby certified that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including (without limitation) Ohio Revised Code §121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

Section 5. Upon majority vote does hereby dispense with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 – RESOLUTION C2018-01

Vote Record: Mr. Bryant ____ Mr. Beck ____ Ms. Leis ____

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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ATTEST:

Carol A. Sims, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kevin McDonough, Law Director