DANBY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY REGULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE DANBY TOWNSHIP BOARD FOR THE DANBY CEMETERY LOCATED IN DANBY TOWNSHIP, IONIA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

1. NO PETS ALLOWED (Effective November 1, 2026)

OUT OF RESPECT FOR THOSE INTERRED, PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE CEMETERY PROPERTY. THOSE IN VIOLATION WILL BE ASKED TO REMOVE THE PET OR LEAVE.

2. GRAVE SITES:

CEMETERY BURIAL SITES MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE OF ANY BURIALS. A LOT IS DEFINED AS FOUR (4) BURIAL SPACES OR GRAVE SITES.

A MAXIMUM OF THREE CREMATION BURIALS WILL BE ALLOWED IN ONE BURIAL SPACE.

THE OWNER OF A SPACE OR SPACES, MAY AT ANY TIME, SELL THE RIGHTS BACK TO THE TOWNSHIP. THE RESALE TO THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE FOR THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE. SPACES MAY NOT BE RESOLD TO ANOTHER PERSON.

TRANSFER OF SPACES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE DANBY TOWNSHIP BOARD. IF A SPACE(S) IS TRANSFERRED TO A NON-RESIDENT, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RESIDENT PURCHASE PRICE AND THE NON-RESIDENT PURCHASE PRICE MUST BE PAID, PLUS THE DEED TRANSFER FEE.

TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE UP TO EIGHT (8) CEMETERY SPACES (TWO (2) LOTS TOTAL) AT THE RESIDENT RATE. ADDITIONAL CEMETERY SPACES MUST BE PURCHASED AT THE NON-RESIDENT RATE.

3. BURIALS:

FEES FOR GRAVE OPENINGS WILL BE AT THE CURRENT RATE APPROVED BY THE DANBY TOWNSHIP BOARD.

DANBY TOWNSHIP REQUIRES 48 HOUR NOTICE BEFORE A BURIAL.

ALL BURIALS ARE REQUIRED TO BE PLACED IN A CONCRETE BOX OR CONCRETE VAULT (per state regulations). CREMATED REMAINS BURIED IN THE CEMETERY MUST BE IN AN APPROPRIATE CONTAINER SO APPROVED AND SOLD FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

4. FOOTINGS/FOUNDATIONS FOR MARKERS:

ALL FOOTINGS/FOUNDATIONS FOR MARKERS WILL BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.

FEES FOR FOOTINGS/FOUNDATIONS WILL BE THE RATE SCHEDULE APPROVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

FOOTINGS FOR ALL MARKERS WILL BE INSTALLED BY THE SEXTON OF THE CEMETERY AND ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF CONCRETE OF SUFFICIENT SIZE AND DEPTH TO SUPPORT THE INTENDED MARKER. FOOTING MAXIMUM SIZE FOR A SINGLE LOT IS 45 INCHES, DOUBLE LOT 93 INCHES FOUNDATIONS MUST BE AT LEAST 1 1/2 INCHES IN FROM THE LOT LINE.

5. MARKERS:

ALL MARKERS MUST BE OF QUALITY GRANITE OR STANDARD BRONZE. **NOT PERMITTED ARE**: ALL GRADES OF MARBLE, SANDSTONE, ARTIFICIAL STONE, FIELD STONE, TERRA COTTA, WOOD, IRON OR GLASS IN ANY FORM.

ONLY ONE MARKER WILL BE ALLOWED ON EACH GRAVESITE AND WILL BE PLACED IN LINE WITH THE LOT MARKER.

6. DECORATIONS:

GRASS SEEDING OR PLACING OF SOD UPON ANY GRAVE IN THE CEMETERY WILL BE DONE BY THE SEXTON OF THE CEMETERY.

NO GRADING, LEVELING, OR EXCAVATING UPON A BURIAL SPACE WILL BE ALLOWED.

SURFACES OTHER THAN EARTH OR SOD ARE PROHIBITED.

MOUNDS WHICH HINDER THE FREE USE OF A LAWN MOWER OR OTHER GARDENING APPARATUS ARE PROHIBITED.

AN URN, (DEFINED AS AN OPEN TOP, CONCRETE OR STONE CONTAINER FOR PLANTING FLOWERS), METAL VASE, SECURED TO THE MARKER OR PLANTED IN THE GROUND OR A SHEPARD HOOK IS PERMITTED, IF THEY ARE IN LINE WITH THE MARKER.

THE ABOVE MENTIONED CONTAINERS MAY BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING: FRESH CUT FLOWERS, POTTED PLANTS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS OR PLANTS.

NO GLASS CONTAINERS WILL BE ALLOWED.

WREATHS AND FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS ON WIRE STANDS WILL BE LIMITED IN THE CEMETERY TO THE TIME BETWEEN OCTOBER 1st AND MARCH 31st OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THEY WILL BE REMOVED BY THE SEXTON ON APRIL 1st.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS/PLANTS FASTENED SECURELY IN URNS OR VASES (AS NOT TO BLOW AWAY AND CAUSE LITTER) WILL BE ALLOWED YEAR AROUND.

NOT PERMITTED ARE: CHAIRS, SETTEES, BENCHES, GLASS CONTAINERS, GLASS COVERED BOXES, PHOTOS AND BOXES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF FLOWERS.

ONE HANGING BASKET IS ALLOWED ONLY IF IT IS ON A SINGLE HOOK SHEPARD HOOK ABLE TO SUPPORT THE CONTAINER (BASKET) IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION AND IT IS POSITIONED OVER THE MARKER AND DOES NOT EXTEND PAST THE HEAD STONE.

STATUES OR ORNAMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE FOUNDATION, MARKER OR BASE OF THE MARKER. OTHER QUESTIONABLE ITEMS OR OBJECTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

NO TREES, BUSHES OR SHRUBS WILL BE PLANTED.

IF ANY TREE, SHRUB OR PLANT SITUATED WITHIN A LOT BECOMES UNSIGHTLY, DANGEROUS OR DETRIMENTAL, THE TOWNSHIP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANY OR ALL SUCH PORTION THEREOF.

THE CEMETERY GROUNDS ARE UNDER THE CARE OF THE SEXTON APPOINTED BY THE DANBY TOWNSHIP BOARD.

THE SEXTON HAS FULL AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE ALL CEMETERY REGULATIONS FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DANBY CEMETERY.

THE SEXTON SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ANY AND ALL GROWTH, EMBLEMS, DISPLAYS OR CONTAINERS THAT THROUGH DECAY, DETERIORATION OR DAMAGE BECOME UNSIGHTLY, A SOURCE OF LITTER OR A MAINTENANCE PROBLEM.

7. LIABILITY:

THE TOWNSHIP OF DANBY IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY ITEM PLACED IN THE CEMETERY.

THE TOWNSHIP WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY KINDS OF DAMAGE BY THE ELEMENTS, VANDALS, AND THIEVES, OR BY OTHER CAUSED BEYOND ITS CONTROL.

THE DEFACEMENT OF MARKERS, GRAVES OR CEMETERY APPURTENANCES WHETHER INTENTIONAL OR OTHERWISE WILL BE CONSIDERED A MISDEMEANOR AND INDIVIDUAL(S) WILL BE HELD LIABLE FOR DAMAGES.

THE REMOVAL OF FLOWERS, URNS, OR ANY OF THE CEMETERY EQUIPMENT WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORITY WILL BE CONSIDERED A MISDEMEANOR AND THE INDIVIDUAL(S) WILL BE HELD LIABLE.

THE TOWNSHIP ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSURING THAT ORDERED MARKERS ARE PROPER FOR THE AREA AND FOR NAME PLACEMENT ON THE MARKER.

MONUMENT COMPANIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DAMAGES TO CEMETERY GROUNDS AND SURROUNDING MARKERS THAT OCCURS DURING THEIR INSTALLATION OF A MARKER, MEMORIAL OR MONUMENT.

THE SPEED LIMIT ESTABLISHED ON CEMETERY ROADS IS TEN (10) MILES PER HOUR.