

## REGULATIONS OF THE JEFFERSONTON BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY

### Purchases and authorization for burial:

1. Only members of Jeffersonton Baptist Church (JBC) may purchase the right to be interred in JBC Cemetery.
2. The purchase price per 4' by 8' lot effective January 1, 2021 will be set at \$1000.00.
3. At the time of purchase, a list of persons who may be interred in the plot must be provided and this privilege may only be extended to spouses and dependent children to a maximum of 4 per member. Or in the case of a multiple family columbarium all members of the family are eligible
4. Effective Jan1, 2021 Non-dependent children must be members of JBC to purchase or have a burial site reserved.
5. The purchaser is the "responsible party" and will give permission for burial of anyone beside themselves to be interred in the given plot. This shall include the burying of ashes or spreading of ashes on the graves.
6. The responsible party must also provide the name of a "secondary responsible party" if they are not capable of making decisions, giving permission, and fulfilling responsibilities.

### Undesignated Family lots

1. Many family plots were allocated when the cemetery was established. These plots are identified by lettered markers and noted as reserved by a family name only on the current registry.
2. In established family plots, where no documents of permission to inter exist and no living primary or secondary responsible party can be identified, the plots will be authorized for use on a first need basis at the request of a documented family member.
3. If a husband or wife is interred, the spouse will have the right to use the adjoining plot if rights to both plots are available.
4. The burial of an urn or the spreading of ashes, shall be permitted on any single burial grave, with the consent of a family member.

### Grave Markers:

1. The "responsible party" or the "secondary responsible party" will ensure that a permanent grave marker is placed at the site within one year of interment.
2. If there is no identified responsible party, the person making the request for the interment becomes the responsible party for the grave site requested.
3. Grave markers for both traditional and urn burials must be placed according to the specifications set forth by the Cemetery Committee.

### Deeds:

1. Purchasers will be issued a Deed to the Right of Interment.
2. Effective Jan. 1, 2021 no purchase of a lot will be permitted without the designation of the specific individual(s) or their designated heirs.
3. The deed will not be issued until the purchase of the deed is paid in full.
4. If, at any time, the holder of the deed decides to relinquish the deed, it must be returned to JBC and is not privately transferrable.
5. If the owner does not wish to donate the space or spaces back to JBC, the Deed will be reimbursed to the owner or the owner's estate based on the purchase price. If there is no deed or documentation of

proof of purchase price. The cemetery is obligated only to refund a maximum of \$500.00 per unassigned plot.

6. Interment rights may be transferred to a family member by the owner of the rights through the "Reassignment of Interment Rights" which is then attached to the Deed: or the owner may transfer these rights to the church for the benefit of an Active JBC Member that may otherwise be considered financially and unable to purchase a grave site.
7. A record of all traditional vaults and urn burials shall be kept by the church, including the name, birth and death dates as known. No record of surface ashes spread will be maintained.

#### Grave Opening and closing:

1. Graves must be opened and closed under the direction of an established funeral home with the work being done by a subcontractor of the funeral home or as directed by the Committee Chairman.
2. It is recognized that this graveyard has existed since 1858 and some graves are unknown, and others unmarked, if during a grave opening, it is determined the space is occupied by an unmarked burial, the Cemetery Chairman is authorized stop excavation, close that space, notify the Funeral Home of the conflict, and immediately assign a different lot for that burial as close to the existing family member(s) as possible.
3. All graves will be vaulted.
4. It is permissible to inter two persons in one lot, however in this case the lower vault must be a structural vault capable of supporting 3,00 Lbs.
5. All ashes shall be sealed in a burial urn, with the base of the urn not less than 36 inches below grade.

#### Flowers, plantings and other ornaments.

1. It is our desire to provide an orderly and well-kept appearance for the cemetery.
2. All artificial floral arrangements not mounted on the tombstone and off the grass will be removed at the beginning of the mowing season.
3. Any floral arrangement or wreath will be removed when the arrangement withers or becomes unsightly. Funeral arrangements will be removed within 30 days following the interment, or when the arrangement becomes unsightly.
4. JBC Cemetery Committee reserves the right to remove and dispose of decorations, holders, and containers at any time as deemed necessary.
5. Permanent plantings are no longer allowed, and any planting that has become unruly overgrown or harboring weeds, or other nescience elements will be removed.
6. Bushes and trees may not be planted, unless as directed by the Cemetery Committee.
7. Statues, vigil lights, chimes, solar, motion activated electronics and breakable objects are not permitted at any time and will be removed and disposed of.

#### Other considerations not specified:

The JBC Cemetery Committee will make the final decision on any matter not specifically covered in this document. They may also grant special permission to these rules by a unanimous vote and documented in the minutes of the Cemetery Committee.

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