

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Pleasant Hill Cemetery  
City of Primghar  
O'Brien County, Iowa

### LOTS

1. Purpose: All lots shall be held as burial places for the human dead, and for no other purpose.
2. Sale of Lots: All lots shall be sold with Perpetual Care.
3. Options: No options shall be granted in the sale of lots, per any lot held for future purchase.
4. Sale by Owners: Sale of lots by lot owners shall not be permitted except by registration with Primghar City Hall
5. Transfer by Owners: No transfer of a lot by sale or otherwise shall be valid without registration with Primghar City Hall.
6. Permission for Burial: Any owner of a lot may grant permission in writing for the burial of remains of other than his immediate family in his lot, or portion thereof but not for profit.
7. Signs: No sign indicating that a lot or portion thereof is for sale, not signs, notices or advertisements of contractors, stonecutters, undertakers, or any other person shall be permitted on the Cemetery grounds.

### CARE AND IMPROVEMENT

8. General: The City of Primghar Public Works Department shall keep the roads and grass in good condition and the trees and shrubbery pruned when necessary.
9. Control: Improvements within the grounds and upon the lots shall be under the control and direction of the Primghar City Public Works Department before and after internments have been made.
10. Ordinary Care: Ordinary care shall include cutting the grass when necessary, removing weeds, leaves, and rubbish that may come upon such lot and refilling and rising of sunken graves when necessary.
11. Extra Care: The Sexton may, on his own time, contract with any lot owner for services but the City of Primghar shall assume no responsibility for such extra services.
12. Shrubs, Trees and Flowers: No trees, shrubs or flowers shall be planted on any lot without City of Primghar's Council prior approval. If any tree, shrub, vine or plant situated on a Lot becomes unsightly, dangerous or detrimental, the Cemetery shall have the right to remove the same or such part thereof as may be deemed necessary. The Cemetery will use constant care in examining trees, and removing those in apparent, unsound, or dangerous condition, or portions of such that are unsound or dangerous. The City of Primghar will not be responsible for frozen decorations or for decorations damaged by weather conditions, thieves, vandals or other causes beyond its control.
13. Excavations: All excavations for graves and vaults and all opening and closing of graves shall be done by the City of Primghar Public Works Department.

### MONUMENTS AND MARKERS

14. Foundations: No stone work of any kind shall be set without a foundation. (New Sections) Foundations must be adjoining the next foundation in a straight line.
15. Markers: Each grave will be marked by at least a temporary grave marker after burial. Single – 1 foot X 24 inches long. Double – 1 foot X 36, 42, or 48 inches long. Markers must be centered on the 4 foot or 8 foot lot.
16. Monuments: (New Section) Height of stone shall be 8 inches in the back. Height shall not be less than 4 or more than 6 in the front. Stones can't be set in wet cement and vases are to be mounted in the stone only.
17. Flowers and Memorials: All flowers and memorials should be removed within 2 weeks after a funeral or Memorial Day should you want them saved. If memorials are left at the gravesite, they will be removed and returned to City Hall. You may pick them up, within 30 days, during regular office hours.
18. Weather: No stone work shall be done until the ground is thoroughly settled and in good condition and no movement of stones shall be permitted when the avenues and lanes are soft. The turf must always be protected by planks and boards.
19. Responsibility: Contractors and workmen engaged in the setting of monuments, markers or other stones shall be held responsible for any and all damage done to the Cemetery grounds and shall be prohibited from attaching ropes to trees and shrubs or to other monuments, markers or stones and from scattering material on adjoining lots.

## INTERMENT AND FUNERALS

20. Internments: Internment shall be made to City Hall at least one day prior to the internment.
21. Information Furnished: The person applying for the permit shall furnish the following information: Name of deceased, late residence, date of internment, location of grave, and outside size or dimensions of coffin or vault.
22. Removal of Bodies: The same information shall be required when a body is removed from one part of the Cemetery to another as prescribed for permits for internment.
23. Graves Dug: All graves shall be dug under the direction of the City of Primghar Public Works Department and the charges therefore shall include the opening and closing of the grave.
24. Undertaker's Orders: When a Funeral Director orders the location of a Grave, no change of location after interment will be made except at the expense of the Lot Owner, as the City of Primghar cannot be held responsible for any mistakes occurring from the want of precise and proper instruction as to the location of the Grave in the Lot.
25. Two Bodies: The internment of two bodies in one grave shall not be permitted except in case of mother and infant, or twin children, or two children buried at the same time, or one full size burial and one cremation.
26. Two Cremains: The internment of two cremains in one grave is the maximum allowed. Burial of ashes between spaces is permissible. A flat marker must be used where the ashes are interred on an occupied Grave space in the old part of the Cemetery; if interred on a separate Grave space, any type of marker may be used.
27. Sexton in Charge: All funerals shall be under the direction of the Sexton upon entry into the Cemetery.
28. Vault: The placement of a casket in the cemetery must be in a concrete or steel container. Vaults are not required for cremains.

## MISCELLANEOUS

29. Hours of Operation: The Cemetery is open to visitors at all times between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Permission to enter the cemetery at any other time must be obtained from the City of Primghar or Police Department.
30. Firearms: Are prohibited, except in the event of a military funeral.
31. Visitors: Are required to use the walks and drives and are forbidden to trespass on cemetery lots; pick any flowers (either wild or cultivated); injure any shrub, tree or plant; or mar or deface any monument, stone or structure in the cemetery.
32. Vehicles: Travelers within the cemetery shall proceed at a speed not to exceed fifteen (15) miles per hour. All vehicles must proceed at slow speed and be kept under complete control at all times. Driving or riding upon the Lots is not allowed.
33. Ashes: The Cemetery prohibits spreading of ashes above ground.
34. Snowmobiles: Are prohibited in the cemetery.
35. Dogs: Are permitted on the roadways; however, they must be cleaned up after and the owner must be in control. Owners of all animals allowed to enter the Cemetery will be responsible for them. Dogs, which are unattended, will not be allowed in the Cemetery and will be turned over to the Police Dept.

## PRICES, FEES AND DUES

36. Sale Price of Lots: All lots hereinafter sold by the City of Primghar shall include perpetual care and shall be sold only at the following price: (Set by Resolution)
  - a) \$150.00 per single grave in the Old Section
  - b) \$300.00 per single grave in the New Section,  
of which 25% shall be paid by the seller into the Perpetual Care Fund for perpetual care of said grave.The selling price per grave shall be the same regardless whether such lot is sold from a 6 grave lot section, 4 grave lot section, or single grave section of the Cemetery.
37. Internment Fees: Internment fees include the opening and closing and seeding of the graves shall be as follows: (Set by Resolution)
  - a) Adult graves .....\$350.00
  - b) Graves for babies ..... \$175.00
  - c) Ashes in containers..... \$175.00Internments on Weekend or Holidays: Internments made on Sundays or legal holidays shall be as follows.
  - a) Adult graves .....\$500.00

- b) Infant Grave.....\$250.00
- c) Ashes In Containers.....\$250.00

38. Transfer of Deed: Trading of Space/New Deed. Etc.....\$25.00

**SUGGESTIONS:** Purchase of a cemetery lot or plot before the need arises is strongly urged. Making Pleasant Hill Cemetery a quiet and beautiful resting place for the dead should be the desire of every Lot Owner, therefore, everything which would mar the general beauty must be avoided.