

TOWNSHIP OF BOIS BLANC
COUNTY OF MACKINAC
STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NUMBER 31 - CEMETERY

Adopted: December 1, 1979

Amended: February 26, 2002

An ordinance to establish, regulate and maintain a CEMETERY within the Township limits of Bois Blanc Township.

(1) NAME

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Bois Blanc Island Township Cemetery Ordinance..

- (2) The purpose of this ordinance is to secure and maintain a cemetery for the public health, safety, welfare and convenience of the residents and property owners of the Township of Bois Blanc, County of Mackinac, State of Michigan by the regulations and administration of said cemetery.

- (3) The Bois Blanc Island Cemetery shall be located on a parcel of land in Section 31, Township of Bois Blanc, and fully described by a deed dated August 1, 1977 from Catherine A. Hodgson, and recorded Liber 237 Page 251 Mackinac County Records on September 1, 1977.

- (4) Bois Blanc Island Cemetery area will be plotted by the following designations:

Blocks ----- identified by Roman Numerals ----- (I, II, III, etc.)

Lots ----- identified by Capital Letters ----- (A, B, C, etc.)

Plots ----- identified by Arabic Numerals ----- (1, 2, 3, etc.)

- (5) Cemetery will be administered by the "Cemetery Sexton" with compensation that shall from time to time be adjusted by the resolution of the Bois Blanc Township Board (hereinafter referred to as the Township Board). Appointment as "Cemetery Sexton" shall be determined by a majority vote of the Township Board. Any taxpayer within the township shall be eligible for appointment.
- (6) The Cemetery Sexton shall administer the cemetery in the following areas:
- (a.) Care: The sexton shall provide for the proper care and maintenance of the cemetery on a voluntary basis through the establishment of "Cemetery Days" or other workable programs for ensuring the proper care and maintenance of the facility.
- (b.) The sexton shall accept, screen and recommend for approval or denial, any applications for the assignment of burial plots. Final approval shall be by the Township Board.

- (c.) The sexton shall advise applicants desiring burial plots relative to the restrictions placed upon the installation of markers, name plates and identification devices or decorative materials.
- (d.) The sexton shall be present for all grave openings and closings. Certificate of Burial must be presented at that time. All full body burials shall be in sealed, steel or concrete, vaults.
- (7) Markers shall be limited to 1 per burial plot, and shall not exceed 12 inches in width, 24 inches in length, and 12 inches above the ground level of the plot upon which it is located. When desired, 1 marker may designate 2 burial plots, and may be up to 48 inches in length. A flat bronze plate may be used, in addition, for veterans. No artificial decorations of any kind may be used.
- (8) Burial rights, not land will be sold to interested parties. Burial rights are not transferable. Plots may only be sold back to the Township Board for the original purchase price.
- (9) Currently burial plots will be allocated to approved applicants at \$100.00 per plot. Change in such charge may be approved by the Township Board subsequent to the adoption of the ordinance. Fees will be set by the Township Board with recommendations from the Cemetery Sexton.
- (10) Official plats, records etc. shall be kept in the office of the Township Clerk.
- (11) Funds received from the sale of burial rights and other sources shall be kept in a separate "Cemetery Activity within the General Fund", under the control of the Township Treasurer. Dispersals from such activity shall be upon recommendation of the Cemetery Sexton with the approval of the Township Board.
- (12) Penalties: Any person who violates any of the provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 and/or 90 days in the County Jail.
- (13) Validity: Should any section, clause or provision of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not effect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.
- (14) This amended Ordinance shall take effect 30 days following publication. All ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

CERTIFICATION

I, Anne M. Baker, Bois Blanc Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted at a special meeting of the Bois Blanc Township Board on February 26, 2002 and the same was caused to be published in the St. Ignace News on March , 2002. I certify that this is a true copy.

Anne M. Baker, Bois Blanc Township Clerk