

31. 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 Cemetery Ordinance.

(2) Purpose

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 Mackinaw (sic) State of Michigan by the regulation and administration of said cemetery.

(3) Location

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<sup>st</sup>, 1977 from Catherine A Hodson and recorded Liber 237 Page 251 Mackinaw (sic) County records on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1977.

(4) Plotted

Bois Blanc Island Cemetery 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) Administration

Cemetery will be administered by a “Cemetery Committee” appointed by the Township board Committee shall be composed of 3 members. The first committee membership shall be appointed on a 1, 2, and 3 year term basis. Subsequent renewals or new appointments shall be for a 3 year term. Any tax payer within the township shall be eligible for appointment to the committee.

(5) *Amended February 26, 2002*

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) Responsibilities

The Cemetery Committee shall administer the cemetery in the following areas:

a. Care: The committee shall provide for the proper care and maintenance of the cemetery on a voluntary basis through establishment of “Cemetery Days” or other workable programs for insuring the proper care and maintenance of the facility.

*a. Care – Amended*

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 Committee shall accept, screen and recommend for approval or rejection, any application for the assignment of burial plots. Final approval shall be by the Township Board.

*b. Amended* – The Sexton shall accept, screen and recommend for approval or rejection, any application for the assignment of burial plots. Final approval shall be by the Township Board.

c. The committee shall advise applicants desiring burial plots relative to the restrictions placed upon the installation of markers, name plates and identification devices or decorative materials.

*c. Amended*

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.

(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.

*(7) Amended*

Markers shall be limited to 2 (two) 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.

(8) *Amended*

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 original purchase price.

(9) Currently, burial plots will be allotted to approved applicants at \$100.00 per plot. Change, in such charge may be approved by the electors present and voting at any Annual Township Meeting subsequent to the adoption of the ordinance.

(9) *Amended*

Currently, burial plots will be allocated to approved applicants at \$10.00 per plot. Change, in such charge may be approved by the electors present and voting at any Annual Township Meeting 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 sale of burial rights and other sources shall be kept in a separate (sic) "Cemetery Fund" under the control of the Township Treasurer. Dispersal from such funds shall be upon the recommendation of the Cemetery Committee.

(11) *Amended*

Funds received from 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. Dispersal from such activity shall be upon the recommendation of the Cemetery Sexton with the approval of the Township Board.

(12) Penalties. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 and/or 90 days in County Jail.

(12) *Amended*

Penalties. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 and/or 90 days in County Jail.

(13) Validity. Should any section, clause or provision of this ordinance be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the parts so declared to be invalid.

(14) This Ordinance shall take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1979. all ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Anna Anderson, Clerk  
Bois Blanc Township

RE-Certification July 1, 2010

I, Joan E. Schroka, Bois Blanc Township Clerk, do hereby certif. that the foregoing amended ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Bois Blanc Township Board on July 14, 2010 and the same was caused to be published in the Cheboygan Daily Tribune on July 20, 2010

Joan E. Schroka  
Bois Blanc Township Clerk