

Essex Township Cemetery By-Laws

1. The Cemetery Trustee's shall be the governing body of these by-laws.
2. All grave openings shall be by permit only issued by the funeral home.
3. No burials until cemetery plot is **paid in full**.
4. Burial permits issued by the funeral home apply to all grave openings after the official enforcement of these by-laws.
 - A. \$1,500 per grave for any person who has not been a resident of Essex township for more than 5 years, nor has ever been a resident of Essex Township.
 - B. \$500 per grave for any person who has been a resident of Essex Township for more than 5 years.
 - C. One cremation burial can be added to an existing grave at \$300(Resident) \$500(Non Resident), if two cremations are on one grave, initial cost is \$500 for grave, \$300(Resident) \$500(Non Resident) for additional cremation burials. No more than 2 cremation burials per grave.
 - D. The cost of graves are subject to change by Cemetery Trustee's.
 - E. A person with a promised lot will pay the current lot fee, not the price of the lots at the promised time. **All previous promised lots are to be paid in full and there will be no promised.**
 - F. If anyone purchases a lot or lots in the North or East Essex Township cemetery and they decide they no longer want the lots they must be sold back to the Essex Township cemetery at the price that the lot or lots were when purchased. The lots cannot be re-sold to anyone else publicly.
5. No multi lots will be sold, family lots consist of two lots, lots shall be located and sized determined by the trustee's or their authorized agent. All other arrangements will be authorized by the trustee's.
6. All single lots shall be 10 feet by 4 feet in size, measured lengthwise east and west. Location shall be by order of the trustee's or their authorized agents.
7. Any and all changes, additions, or improvements to lots must have the approval of the trustee's.
8. The cost of opening of graves is to be paid to the grave opener and the cost shall be the responsibility of the individual and the location shall be only with supervision and permission of trustee's. All burial shall be either concrete or steel vaults.

9. All burials shall be done only by an approved grave opener of the Cemetery trustee's.
10. There shall be no burning of rubbish, brush, leaves, weeds or grass in the cemetery.
11. No green burials are allowed.
12. No trees or shrubs are to be planted in the cemetery.
13. If not picked up by April 1, removal of all decorations etc. shall be removed and disposed of properly.
14. The cemetery is not responsible for vandalism or if a stone has to be removed for interment. Also the cemetery is not responsible for articles placed on the grave sites.
15. No vehicle shall be driven within the cemetery limits at a speed more than 10 miles per hour, at any time, or be in the cemetery after dusk.
16. No snowmobiles, ATV's, dirt bikes, sledding, dumping or trespassing allowed in the cemetery.
17. Any person or persons shooting or discharging any gun, pistol, or fireworks within the limits of the cemetery will be reported to the proper law enforcements authorities and will be subjected to a fine. Anyone loitering or trespassing in the cemetery shall also be reported to the proper authorities and will be subjected to a fine.
18. There is no more concrete grave markings or curbs allowed.
19. Cemetery trustee's are not responsible for daily plowing of the cemeteries in winter months. The cemeteries will be plowed for the following winter holidays: Christmas, New Years, Valentines Day and Easter.
20. A headstone permit of \$250 will include a below grade permanent marker if a receipt or a headstone is not received/installed within 6 months. If a receipt is shown within 6 months for a permanent marker the \$250 will be reimbursed. All headstone positions are decided by the active cemetery board.

Cost of Lots 2018

Lots for Essex Resident	\$500
Lots for Non Resident	\$1,500 (with restrictions)
Cremation lot on existing grave	\$300
Grave openings	\$650
Headstone Permit	\$250

All cost subject to change and Bylaws subject to change by cemetery board.

Non-Resident is for any person who has not been a resident of Essex Township for more than 5 years.