

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

FOREST GROVE CEMETERY  
JAMESTOWN CEMETERY  
STAR CEMETERY  
ZUTPHEN CEMETERY

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE TRESPASSING UPON OR USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY, TOWNSHIP CEMETERY PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTY OWNED BY OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP, OTTAWA COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDAINS

I. This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Jamestown Charter Township Public Property and Cemetery Ordinance

II. No person shall do any of the following acts or contribute to or participate in any of the acts prohibited under the terms of this ordinance upon any public street, highway, alley, public place or upon any other property belonging to the Township of Jamestown, regardless of the purpose for which said property was dedicated, acquired or purchased, without permission of the Jamestown Township Board, through its authorized agents.

A. General Township property.

1. Take possession or control of any of said property in any manner.
2. Take up residence upon said property either by tent, camping equipment or in any other fashion.
3. Build any structure of any kind upon said property.
4. Fence in or cultivate any of said property.
5. Dump boxes, trash, litter, paper refuse matter, tin cans or garbage on any of said property.
6. Drive any vehicle of any kind upon or across said property except where the streets, highways, alleys, roadways or driveways have been properly laid out and open to the public.
7. No person shall bring upon public property as herein described or use thereon or distribute thereon any alcoholic beverage, including, but in no way limited to, beer, wine, gin, whiskey, vodka or any other

spirits or alcoholic beverage.

8. Bring upon, use or possess upon public property any drug which is illegal under the Statutes of the State of Michigan.
9. Congregate, trespass upon, loiter, gather in groups, hold parties, dances or in any fashion use said premises for social purposes without authority of the Jamestown Township Board or its authorized agents.

#### B. Cemetery property

1. All of the aforementioned rules shall apply to the cemetery properties as well.
2. The township cemeteries are hereby determined to be closed from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. No person shall trespass upon or enter said cemetery property during the hours which it is closed for any purpose unless authorized by the Jamestown Township Board or its authorized agents.
3. No person shall commit any of the prohibited acts herein outlined in or upon the Township cemeteries at any time whether during the hours open or closed and all persons are prohibited from violating any of the specific rules and regulations applying to the Township cemeteries hereinafter set forth.
4. Cemetery displays.
  - a. Cemetery floral or other displays shall be in metal baskets no larger than 15" by 15" by 10" high with handles for carrying purposes.
  - b. No artificial plants or ornamental displays may be placed on cemetery lots or on cemetery property.
  - c. Ground plantings are prohibited.
  - d. All glass, metal or any other display that may be dangerous for the purposes of reasonable grounds maintenance procedures are prohibited.
  - e. Any and all broken or displaced displays shall be removed.
  - f. Summer displays must be removed by October 31.  
Winter displays must be removed by March 31.

g. Any display that violates this ordinance can be removed by a Township employee, agent or contractor at any time.

h. The Township, Township Board, its employees, agents or contractors shall not be held liable for lost, broken or stolen displays.

5. No pets allowed.

6. Monuments

a. All monuments shall be installed with a cement footing which has been approved by cemetery personnel.

b. Cement footings shall be no less than 4 inches wider and 4 inches longer than the base of the monument.

c. Monuments shall be placed at the head of the grave as designated by cemetery personnel.

d. A location fee shall be paid to the Township for any and all cement footings placed by lot owners. Footing location must be marked out by a Township employee, agent or contractor.

7. Grave purchases.

a. Any resident of Jamestown Township may purchase up to 8 graves for himself or members of his family.

b. Family shall mean parent, grandparent, child, grandchild or spouse.

c. Resident shall mean:

i. Any person residing in the Township who:

aa. pays property taxes

bb. has rented a residence over two years.

cc. is 18 years or older.

dd. is head of household.

- ii. Any person who has resided in and owned property in the Township for ten or more years.
- d. Variance from this policy shall be granted on an individual basis by a concurring vote of a majority of the members of the Township Board.
- e. A resident may purchase up to 8 graves.
- f. A non-resident may purchase 2 graves

8. Burials.

- a. No Sunday burials.
- b. No holiday burials.
- c. Advance notice for burials of at least 48 hours.
- d. Burial will be in the normal husband wife position unless otherwise specified.
- e. The Township, Township Board, its employees, agents or contractors shall not be held liable for burial in the wrong grave in a family plot without specific Section, Lot, Block and Grave information.
- f. The Township, Township Board, its employees, agents and contractors shall not be held liable for family burials in a family plot that have not been assigned.