

STANDARDS & RULES

The following standards and rules are set forth in the Ludington City Code. A section code has been provided for your reference.

Sec. 14-29. Standards.

Where the superintendent, sexton, or other city official is given discretionary authority under this article, such authority shall be exercised based upon the following standards:

- (1) Safety of city employees in providing maintenance or other work performed by such employees in the cemetery.
- (2) Safety of persons using or visiting the cemetery.
- (3) The general appearance of the cemetery.
- (4) The general efficiency in the operation and maintenance of the cemetery.
- (5) The general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the city and those persons using the cemetery or who own any lots within the cemetery.
(Code 1984, 3.118)

Sec. 14-30. Financial responsibility for damage.

The cemetery shall not be financially responsible for any damage to lots and structures or objects thereon or for flowers or articles removed from any lot or grave.
(Code 1984, 3.113(o))

Sec. 14-31. Right of ingress and egress by personnel.

Perpetual right of ingress and egress over cemetery lots for the purpose of operation and maintenance is reserved.
(Code 1984, 3.113(k))

Sec. 14-32. Work on lots for private compensation.

City employees are not permitted to work on cemetery lots for private compensation during working hours.
(Code 1984, 3.113(l))

Sec. 14-33. Permission for work and liability for damages.

No person shall perform any work within any cemetery except with the permission of and in accordance with the directions of the cemetery management. Any person causing damage within a cemetery shall be liable to the city for such damage. Any person performing work in a cemetery without permission shall be liable to the city for the cost of restoring the cemetery to the condition that it was in before the work was done.
(Code 1984, 3.113(m))

Sec. 14-34. Use of roadways by visitors.

Driving off established roadways within the cemetery is prohibited, except for maintenance personnel. Funeral cars shall have the right-of-way over all other traffic. Maximum speed limit is 15 miles per hour. (Code 1984, 3.113(a))

Sec. 14-35. Hours.

The cemetery is closed at dusk and reopens at dawn. (Code 1984, 3.113(r))

Sec. 14-36. Consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the cemetery except in conjunction with bona fide established burial customs. (Code 1984, 3.113(b))

Sec. 14-37. Advertising.

No person shall use any form of advertising on cemetery premises, unless placed, distributed or permitted by the cemetery superintendent when such advertising is of minor or incidental nature only. (Code 1984, 3.113(c))

Sec. 14-38. Firearms.

Possession or discharge of a firearm in or adjacent to the cemetery is forbidden except in connection with burial ceremonies, such as a military funeral or by a duly authorized police officer. (Code 1984, 3.113(d))

Sec. 14-39. Unlicensed recreational vehicles.

No unlicensed recreational vehicles (snowmobiles, three/four wheelers, etc.) are permitted within the cemetery grounds. (Code 1984, 3.113(e))

Sec. 14-40. Disturbances.

No person shall engage in a fight, quarrel or disturbance in the cemetery. No loud or boisterous language or music is allowed. No person shall interrupt or disturb any funeral or memorial service. (Code 1984, 3.113(f))

Sec. 14-41. Picking of flowers, defacing memorials.

Persons visiting the cemetery or attending funerals are strictly forbidden from picking flowers, wild or cultivated; breaking or injuring any trees, shrubs or plants; and writing upon, defacing or injuring any memorials, fences or other structures within the cemetery grounds. (Code 1984, 3.113(g))

Sec. 14-42. Disposing of trash and rubbish.

All trash, trimmings, dead flowers, etc., from the cemetery shall be placed along the road. (Code 1984, 3.113(h))

Sec. 14-43. Children under ten years of age.

No person under ten years of age shall enter the cemetery unless attended by an adult responsible for his conduct or until permission to enter has been obtained at the cemetery office.
(Code 1984, 3.113(i))

Sec. 14-44. Traversing grounds.

Walking or driving through the cemetery grounds to property or land outside of the cemetery for the purpose of saving time or distance is prohibited.
(Code 1984, 3.113(j))

Sec. 14-45. Placing objects on lots.

No object, except a permanent grave marker, shall be placed on any cemetery lot, except an approved type of flower urn or flower basket as permitted by the superintendent. No summer decorations will be permitted prior to May 15, and they must be removed by November 1. Urns must also be turned by November 1. No winter decorations, such as artificial flowers, wreaths or grave blankets, will be permitted prior to Thanksgiving, and they must be removed by April 1.
(Code 1984, 3.113(n))

Sec. 14-46. Operation of sprinklers.

In the cemetery, no person other than city employees shall turn on or move any sprinkler or other equipment owned or in the possession of the city.
(Code 1984, 3.113(p))

Sec. 14-47. Placement of plantings, stones, decorations.

Any and all plantings, stones, and decorations which, in the reasonable opinion of the superintendent, hampers maintenance or degrades the appearance of the cemetery may be removed by the superintendent without advance notice. Any plantings, baskets, etc., must be placed within 12 inches of an upright marker as not to impede mowing. No glass receptacles, wooden structures, hanging or wire baskets or shepherds hooks will be permitted.
(Code 1984, 3.113(q))

Sec. 14-48. Plantings generally.

(a) *Evergreens.* Planting of evergreens in the cemetery is restricted to the dwarf evergreen variety only.

(b) *Removal.* The cemetery superintendent shall have the right to remove, without notice, trees and shrubs and flowers planted in violation of this article. The superintendent reserves the right to trim, cut down and remove any plantings by a lot owner which interfere with cemetery maintenance or which detract from the general appearance of the cemetery. When it is necessary to remove any trees on a cemetery lot in order to make the lot usable, the city will remove the trees, and the cost of removal shall be borne by the lot owner.

(c) *Planting area.* All real or artificial flowers or floral plantings may be planted in a bed next to the monument or headstone, but not spread out over any grave space, or placed in approved urns or containers. Cemetery personnel will not be responsible for flowers or plantings that may prohibit necessary grounds care activities.
(Code 1984, 3.115)