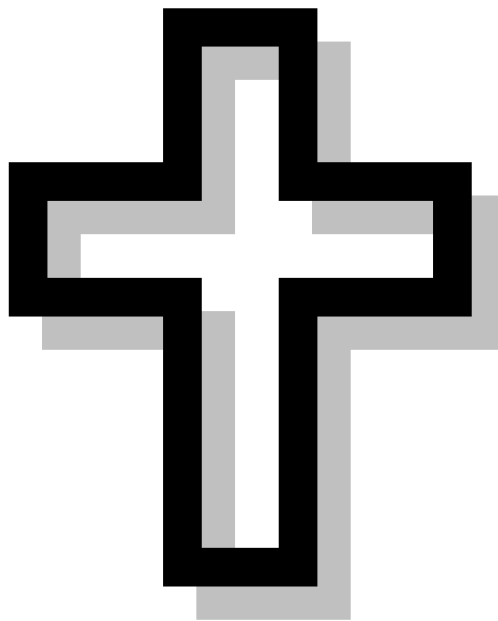


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## **Lake Viking Cemetery**



**Cemetery office located at:  
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144 East Main, Gallatin, Missouri 64640  
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#### **PREFACE**

This pamphlet contains the rules and regulations of Lake Viking Cemetery in force June 1, 1992. This is a non-endowed cemetery.

The rules and regulations and price schedules are subject to change without notice.

Experience has proven that the adoption and enforcement of the rules published is necessary to secure peace and good order within the Cemetery, to protect the interest of the lot and grave owners, and to preserve the beauty of the grounds. All persons are required to obey the rules and are requested to report any infractions of them by others.

The Cemetery reserves to itself the right, at its option, to temporarily suspend or modify any rule or regulation, and such temporary suspension or modification shall not be construed as affecting the general application or enforcement of such rule.

The purchase contract, the deed, the rules and regulations, and any amendments hereto, shall constitute the sole agreement between the Cemetery and any lot, or burial space owner, and no other statement or promise by any officer, employee, or sales agent shall be binding on the company.

These Rules and Regulations shall be effective from and after the date hereof, and may be amended from time to time, when in the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Association, it may tend to improve the Cemetery properties or their administration.

Lake Viking Cemetery is for the interment of remains of human beings only.

#### **THE OFFICE**

The main office of the Cemetery is located upon the Lake Viking Association grounds at Gallatin, Missouri. The mailing address is 144 E. Main, Gallatin, Missouri 64640. The cemetery address is the same.

It is desired that every lot and grave owner shall feel free to consult with the officers of the Cemetery at all times. Their advice will be taken cheerfully, and without charge, and will often be found of value to those contemplating the purchase of grave markers or the making of other improvements.

#### **RECORDS**

1. The records showing lot owners, grave owners, and interments in Lake Viking Cemetery are in keeping with modern cemetery management. The location of all graves is shown by plats and by a system of recorded measurements from fixed indestructible landmarks.
2. Relatives of those buried in Lake Viking Cemetery may rest assured that, when visiting the cemetery in years to come, the precise location of any grave can always be shown.

3. A plat of the Cemetery has been duly filed in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Daviess County, Missouri, and a copy thereof is on file in the office of the Cemetery, but the right to alter or change the plat as to walks, drives, streets or unsold vacant lots is reserved to the Cemetery.
4. No conveyance or transfer of any interest in any Lot shall be effective or acceptable unless recorded with the approval by the Cemetery.
5. Deed transfers in the Cemetery are subject to a transfer fee.

### **MANAGEMENT**

1. Lake Viking Cemetery, with its principal office at Gallatin, is dedicated forever as a burial place for the dead bodies of human beings.
2. The office hours are Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
3. The management invites and desires every lot or grave owner, and every person contemplating the purchase of lots or grave sites, to advise and consult with the Viking Valley Association office freely and at all times, and without charge.
4. The management will regard it as a favor to have promptly reported at the office any error, neglect, carelessness, incivility, inattention or discourtesy of employees.
5. The Cemetery will take reasonable precaution to protect the property of lot and grave owners in the Cemetery from loss or damage, but it specifically disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage, whether direct or collateral, from the acts of providence, including especially winds, tornadoes, cyclones, snow, hail, frost, fire, explosion, or lightning.
6. The Cemetery will not be responsible for loss or damage to any personal property article or articles left upon any lot, grave or any part of the Cemetery. The Cemetery reserves, and shall have, the right to correct any errors that may be made by it, either in making interments, disinterments, or removals, or in the installation of any marker, or memorial, or in the description, transfer or conveyance of any interment property of equal value, and similar location as far as possible, or as may be selected by the Cemetery, or in the sole discretion of the Cemetery, by refunding the amount paid on account of said purchase. In the event such error shall involve the interment of the remains of any person in such property, the Cemetery reserves and shall have the right to remove or transfer such remain so interred to such other property of equal value and similar location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof.
7. The right to enlarge, reduce, replat or change the boundaries or grading of the Cemetery or of any section or sections, or any parkways therein, from time to time, including the right to modify or change the locations of, or remove, or regrade roads, drives, walks, parkways, gardens, or any part thereof, is hereby expressly reserved.
- . The right to lay, maintain and operate, or to alter or change pipelines, electrical lines, or gutters for sprinkling systems, drainage, lakes, etc. is expressly reserved.

## 8. CEMETERY FEE STRUCTURE

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| \$300.00  | Per lot or grave space      |
| \$200.00  | Babyland or Cremation space |
| \$125.00  | Per grave digging Cremation |
| \$575.00  | Weekday grave digging       |
| \$775.00  | Saturday grave digging      |
| \$1025.00 | Sunday grave digging        |
| \$25.00   | Per grave site layout       |
| \$25.00   | Per marker layout           |
| \$27.00   | Deed Recording              |

## INTERMENT REGULATIONS

1. At least thirty-six hours notice is required before making an interment, to give sufficient time for the digging of the grave.
2. No casket, box or container of any kind for human remains shall be placed in any grave without the overall protection of a substantial and durable outer box or vault capable of supporting the weight of the earth above it. Standard steel, fiberglass, and standard concrete vaults and concrete boxes shall be considered acceptable. Substitute boxes and vaults that have been untried and unproven must have the written approval of the President of the cemetery before use will be permitted.
3. No easement or right of interment is granted to any plot owner in any road drive, alley or walk within the gardens, but such road, drive, alley or walk may be used as a means of access to the Cemetery or buildings as long as the management devotes same to that purpose.
4. Individually owned plots may not be sub-divided, and the burial or the remains of any person not having an interest therein shall be prohibited, except when the written consent of all the owners, registered on the book of the Cemetery shall have been obtained and approved by the management.
5. No interment shall be made or any grave marker or memorial placed on any lot in the cemetery without the consent of the Lot Owner furnished to the Cemetery.
6. No interment will be made in the Cemetery without a proper death certificate being filed with the local registrar.
7. Written authorization for the opening of a grave is required by the Cemetery .The consent must be given by the lot owner, or a legal heir. The consent of the lot owner must be obtained and written authorization must be made with the Cemetery before any bodies may be removed from a grave.
8. **Only one** interment shall be made in the single grave, except in the cases of mother and infant child, twin children, or two children buried at the same time, or the cremated remains of two persons.
9. Interments will not be made, or markers and vases installed, on lots against which there are past due payments, either on lot, or for other services provided by the cemetery, provided that this rule shall not apply to lots sold on the installment plan where all installments due have been paid. Provided further, that grave markers, or vases that are installed on any lot, may be removed by the Cemetery, if after a period of three months

after installation, no payment has been received from the purchaser, and after regular collection methods have been exhausted.

10. Only regular employees of the Cemetery shall open and close graves, make disinterments, trim and prune shrubs and trees, and provide for the mowing of the cemetery.
11. No outside workmen are allowed to do work on any of the lots in the Cemetery, except by written consent of the Cemetery, as all regular maintenance work is cared for by the Cemetery under its own direction.
12. All graves shall be finished approximately level with the ground and will be grassed by the Cemetery.
13. No buildings, monuments, enclosures, fences, coping of any kind, other than the uniform markers or memorials, shall be placed on any lot, except that the Cemetery may at its will permit the erection of special monuments or memorials for certain sections of the Cemetery.

### **DECORUM**

1. All lot owners may contribute to the appearance, beauty and usefulness of the Cemetery by complying with the rules regarding the use, care, decoration and ornamentation of their own property.
2. Shrubs and trees are placed on the grounds under a general landscape plan, and no lot owner shall be permitted to plant or remove trees or shrubs. Should a tree or shrub die, or its roots and branches become a menace to adjoining property; it will be removed or replaced by the Cemetery.
3. Individual rights, tastes and desires must subordinate themselves to the general plan dictated by the experience, education, and taste of landscape architects.
4. No wreaths or sprays, or other decorative materials shall be used on any Lot, except such decorative materials as can be contained in vases mounted to the marker base. Exceptions will be made for a period of one week following an interment service, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. **Wreaths, flowers, and other materials left on graves, which have withered or become unsightly, will be removed by the Cemetery without notice.** Wreaths and other decorative materials must be removed from shipping boxes and containers before placing said materials on any grave.
5. Glass containers for flowers or wire used for anchoring or stabilizing decorative materials are extremely dangerous to visitors and to cemetery workmen using modern mowing and spraying material machines, so the use of wire or glass or other shatterable materials is strictly forbidden.
6. The digging of holes on graves or lots or the mutilation of sod for any reason is specifically forbidden, and the cost of repairing any such damage to sod or turf will be charged directly to the owner of the lot upon which such destruction shall have taken place.

## **GRAVE MARKER RESTRICTIONS**

1. It shall be mandatory for each grave to have a marker in place within one year from the date of burial. Approval by the Viking Valley Association office must be secured before any marker or memorial will be accepted by "The Cemetery" for installation.
2. Grave markers on a single grave will be no more than thirty-eight inches (38") in length.
3. The marking of each lot, grave or graves, except as herein provided, is limited to flat memorial tablets set flush with the turf or above ground granite markers, not taller than thirty-six inches, and of such dimensions, materials, designs, finishes and construction as designated by "The Cemetery."
4. The type and material of grave markers, memorials, and vases, as set out in the Rules and Regulations, shall be designated and established by the Cemetery in each section.
5. Companion and family type markers or memorials in bronze or granite shall be at least an overall length of forty-four inches and an overall width of fourteen inches, and shall be limited to an overall length of sixty inches, and an overall width of seventeen inches. Memorials shall be no taller than thirty-six inches.
6. Only one grave marker or memorial shall be permitted upon one grave space. No marker or memorial shall be set to embrace two or more grave spaces except a Companion marker or memorial or a Family marker or memorial, nor shall more than one family name be permitted upon any marker or memorial, unless approved in writing by "The Company." All markers and memorials shall be set on uniform lines as prescribed by "The Cemetery."
7. All above ground memorials must be made of granite. All flush markers are to be made of granite or bronze.
8. To preserve uniform quality, all Bronze markers shall meet the following specifications. The Bronze alloy used shall consist of not less than 87% copper, not less than 5% tin, not more than 2 1/2% lead, not more than 5% zinc. All other elements are not to exceed 1%. Each casting shall be true, free from all weakening defects of any character and free from minor defects or imperfection, no sand-like roughness will be permitted.
9. Each bronze marker shall be cast with four or more integral bosses on the back. These bosses shall be drilled and tapped to receive 3/8 inch or larger anchor lugs of brass or bronze six inches in length.
10. Any bronze marker requiring additional inscription, ornamentation or insignia at some future date, shall at the time of delivery to "The Cemetery", be drilled and tapped and shall be accompanied by matching screws or other fastenings in the proper position to hold securely such additional inscription, ornamentation or insignia upon the marker.

## **BABYLAND AND CREMATION AREAS**

1. The Babyland and Cremation areas are located on the outer sides of the sidewalk, near the center flagpole.
2. The Cremation areas are the second and third rows located on the outer sides of the Babyland areas of the cemetery.
3. Grave markers in the Babyland and on Cremation graves will be no larger than thirty inches (30") in length and by eighteen inches (18") in width. All markers in the Babyland and Cremation areas must be flat markers made of bronze or granite in these areas of the cemetery.
4. The Babyland area is for infants under eighteen (18) months of age.

## **VISITATION**

1. Visitors will be admitted every day in the year between 8:00 a.m. and sunset only, and must observe all the rules of the Cemetery.
2. Visitors should keep to the walks and drives, and avoid crossing over, occupying, or otherwise trespass upon any lot or grave other than own.
3. Strangers must not approach the grave at a funeral.
4. Children must be attended by an adult who will be responsible for their conduct, and must not be allowed to run over the lots or graves.
5. Depositing rubbish or offal of any kind upon lots, walk or drives is prohibited.
6. Persons or picnic parties with refreshment will not be admitted.
7. Picking of flowers, wild or cultivated, breaking or injuring any tree, plant or shrub, or defacing or mutilating any fence, building, or other improvements, structure, or property within the Cemetery, is prohibited and will subject the offender to the penalties of the law.
8. Dogs are not allowed in the Cemetery, and no person is allowed to hunt for or chase game in or through the Cemetery, or to carry any firearms in the Cemetery, or to do anything calculated to disturb the quiet and good order of the Cemetery.
9. During funerals held at the grave, all nearby work must cease; strangers must not approach funerals in process.
10. Quiet and decorum must be preserved at all times within the gates of the Cemetery. Uniform courtesy is required at all times of attendants and employees, and the rights of the lot owners must and will be respected and maintained always by the Cemetery.

## **VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS**

1. Vehicles are admitted to the Cemetery, but must proceed only along the drives at a slow rate of speed, and never to exceed ten miles per hour, and must keep under complete control at all times, and avoid danger and collision with pedestrians who are using the drives. No vehicles shall be turned in any drive.
2. Horns must not be sounded except in an emergency.
3. When stopping, emergency brakes must be set before the driver leaves his seat.
4. Engine must be stopped when a car is left alone.
5. Trucks, omnibuses, and other heavy and cumbersome vehicles are not allowed in the Cemetery without special permission of the Viking Valley Association office.