



# SPARTA TOWNSHIP

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## CEMETERY RULES

1. All use of the burial space or grave must be in conformance with Ordinances of Sparta Township.
2. The purchaser of this interment right and his or her or their heirs, successors, assigns, and personal representative agree to accept all liability whatsoever that may arise out of the use or maintenance of the burial space or grave and agree to indemnify Sparta Township and its successors from all judgments, demands, claims or liabilities as a result of such use or maintenance and that acceptance of liability and indemnity includes when said Township is jointly negligent or otherwise liable with said purchaser of his or her or their heirs, successors, assigns, and personal representative or when the said Township is solely negligent or liable.
3. Sparta Township and its successor reserve the right to set any and all rules and/or requirements concerning the use and/or maintenance of the cemetery and the burial space or grave that they deem proper.
4. This Conveyance does not subject said township to any maintenance whatsoever save that which may be required by statute or that which the Township in its sole discretion may decide to undertake.
5. There must be a finished grave surface of grass.
6. Small plants in urns or containers, or other appropriate ornamental accessories must be in line with the headstone and must be within the burial space boundaries. (Shrubs or trees are not allowed.)
7. Maintenance of small plants in urns or other appropriate ornamental accessories will be the responsibility of the family of the interred and is not included in perpetual care, and any of such that are *not properly maintained* shall be **removed** by the sexton.
8. No wooden boxes are permitted. The minimum acceptable container will be cement.
9. No glass containers are permitted in a cemetery.
10. No decorative or loose stones, including field stone, shall be placed around the headstone or flower beds.
11. No fences of any kind are permitted on or near grave sites.
12. **Flowers and other ornamentals shall be removed from the cemetery on or before October 1 of each calendar year.**