

MT. VERNON OAKWOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Rules and Regulations

1. All lots shall be held in pursuance of the statutes of the State of Illinois which may provide for the organization, management and control of Cemetery Associations and all amendment thereto, and such rules as are made by the Board of Trustees.
2. The holders of lots will not be permitted to enclose same with any iron, stone or wood enclosure or to in any way indicate the limits of their respective lot other than by the use of corner stones, which shall be set in such manner that they do not project above the ground. The erection of more than one monument is prohibited but head stones may be used provided same are set so they do not extend above the level of the ground. All monument foundations shall be the depth of the grave and must be made from concrete mixed above the ground or of hard brick laid in cement mortar. Mausoleums or other burial vaults not fully below ground level will not be permitted unless the design, location, placement, erection and maintenance thereof shall first be approved in writing by the Board of Trustees.
3. The grade and level of the lot at the time of purchase shall be accepted as the permanent one and shall in no manner be altered or changed by filling or otherwise. All graves shall be filled to conform to the grade of the lot, but not above that grade.
4. Holders shall not allow interments to be made in their lots for remuneration. No graves shall be opened except by the Sexton of the Cemetery, and then only after permission has first been obtained at the office of the Association. No disinterment shall be permitted except in accordance with the above regulation.
5. The holder of each lot shall not cut down or destroy any trees without the consent of the Superintendent. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to remove any tree situated on any lot should the same by means of their roots, branches or otherwise be, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, detrimental to the adjacent lots, walks or streets.
6. If any monument, effigy or enclosure, or any structure whatever, or any inscription placed in or upon any lot shall be determined by the Board of Trustees to be offensive, improper or injurious to the appearance of the surrounding lots or ground, the Board of Trustees shall have the right, and it shall be their duty to enter upon such lot and remove the offensive or improper object or objects.
7. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees from time to time, to lay out or alter such avenues and walks, or to make such rules and regulations for the government of the ground as they may deem requisite and proper to secure and promote the general objects of the Association.
8. The holders of the lots and their families shall be allowed access to the grounds at such times as may be specified by the Board of Trustees, observing the rules which may be adopted for the regulation of visitors.

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9. Decorations will be allowed and must be affixed to the monument or located as close to the monument as possible. Flowers must be in a vase or container (not in the ground). Any faded, broken or improperly placed decoration may be removed by Cemetery personnel. Decorations may be moved if they impede cemetery maintenance.