

# **TAMAROA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION PURPOSE STATEMENT. RULES, AND REGULATIONS**

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Tamaroa Cemetery Association (TCA) is a Not-For-Profit Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, and is governed by the Illinois Cemetery Oversight Act. Our purpose and mission is to provide a pleasant, safe, and well-maintained public cemetery for burial of the dead. The TCA Board of Trustees is appointed by the Perry County Board of Commissioners and is committed to the long term preservation of the Cemetery grounds, fiscal responsibility, and honest communication with all interested parties. The TCA Board strives to act within the scope of all applicable law, and to use good judgment to insure the longevity of the cemetery for future generations.

## **BURIAL LOTS:**

Grave sites may be purchased directly from the Tamaroa Cemetery Association (TCA) individually or in lots. A full lot is 4 grave sites. Full payment must be received before any interment, monument, or marker is placed on a grave site. A TCA representative must locate and mark all burial and monument sites prior to use. Reasonable fees apply. Lots are for burial of the dead only and no other purpose. Scattering of cremains is prohibited on cemetery property. TCA must be notified of any sale or transfer from the original purchaser, and may require a quit claim deed if circumstances warrant. TCA reserves the right to repurchase lots that have not been approved for sale or transfer. Burial of more than one descendant per grave site is prohibited. Persons are encouraged to visit our website, [TamaroaCemeteryAssociation.com](http://TamaroaCemeteryAssociation.com) for research on available burial sites.

## **MONUMENTS AND GRAVE MARKERS:**

Each monument or marker must have an adequate concrete base of sufficient size and strength to prevent it from becoming unsafe or unstable. Should this occur, owners may be notified to repair the same, and if not, TCA may repair or remove the monument at the owners expense. Flat stones and upright monuments are permitted anywhere on approved grave sites. Any monument higher than 48 inches, or wider than 72 inches requires specific approval from the TCA Board of Trustees prior to installation. Offensive items may be removed at the discretion of the TCA Board of Trustees.

## **CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF GRAVESITES:**

The TCA sexton or Board of Trustees is given wide latitude to remove, or cause to be removed, without notice, ANY item which interferes with the efficient care and maintenance of the cemetery, or any unsightly items. These include, but are not limited to: Glass or metal items, unsecured items on monuments, unsightly or faded flowers, broken vases, above ground planters, seats, benches, trellises, etc. Grave edge and in-ground planting strictly prohibited. One "shepherds hook" per grave permitted, but not encouraged. Please endeavor to remove any holiday items within 2 weeks after the holiday itself. Prohibited items removed from grave sites may be discarded and not returned to owners.

## **HOURS AND USE OF CEMETERY GROUNDS**

Cemetery hours and dawn to dusk. ATV's, UTV's and other off-road vehicles prohibited on cemetery grounds. Vehicular traffic on gravel covered roads ONLY. Driving on the grass prohibited, and

violators may be prosecuted for damage to the grounds. The TCA provides no formal security, and any monuments or other items left at the cemetery are the sole responsibility of the owner. The TCA assumes no liability for lost, stolen, or removed items.

**RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

The TCA Board of Trustees reserves the right, without notice, to revoke, change, amend, or grant a dispensation to any of the rules herein, which may assist in fulfilling of the statement of purpose.

Any interested party is welcome to contact any Board of Trustees member, or attend any regular meeting of the TCA, to address any rule, regulation, or situation concerning the cemetery.

Enacted and Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2021

By Authority of the Tamaroa Cemetery Association Board of Trustees

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