

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-16  
(AS AMENDED)**

**AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING SECTION 143.03 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WAITE HILL, OHIO, TO  
PERMIT CEMETERY MONUMENTS UP TO TWENTY-FOUR  
INCHES IN HEIGHT.**

WHEREAS, Council desires to amend the Village cemetery rules and regulations under Section 143.03 of the Village Codified Ordinances to permit cemetery monuments up to twenty-four inches above grade.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WAITE HILL, LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:**

SECTION 1. That existing Section 143.03(a)(28)(A) of the Codified Ordinances of Waite Hill, Ohio, be and the same hereby is amended as follows:

143.03 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(a) Due to the limitation of the size of the cemetery owned by the Village and the growing population in the Village and in the general area surrounding Waite Hill and to preserve and protect such property for the benefit of the residents and their immediate families as hereinafter set forth, the following rules and regulations for the use of the cemetery are hereby adopted:

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(28) Headstones shall conform to the following:

A. Monuments on ten, eight or six grave space lots shall not be longer than six feet, nor wider than sixteen inches, nor taller than ~~sixteen~~twenty-four inches above ground level, plus or minus the normal variations recognized in the monument industry. In no event shall a monument be permitted which is in excess of ~~seventeen~~twenty-four inches above grade.

B. Individual, or commonly known as " single" markers shall not be longer than two feet, nor wider than sixteen inches, nor taller than ~~sixteen~~twenty-four inches above ground level, plus or minus the normal variations recognized in the monument industry. In no event shall ~~a~~ monument be permitted which is in excess of ~~seventeen~~twenty-four inches above grade.

C. Headstones used for two graves (double markers) shall not be longer than four feet, nor wider than sixteen inches, nor taller than ~~sixteen~~ twenty-four inches above ground level, plus or minus the normal variations recognized in the monument industry. In no event shall a monument be permitted which is in excess of ~~seventeen~~twenty-four inches above grade.

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D. All foundations for headstones shall be thirty inches deep unless, in the opinion of the Director of Public Service a deeper foundation is necessary. The top surface of all foundations shall be flush with the surrounding ground and shall have not less than a five-inch exposed margin on all sides of the marker or headstone on such foundation.

E. Headstones five inches in thickness or less shall be considered to be flush markers and shall be placed in such a way as to make them flush with the ground.

F. For the best interest and protection of the lot owner, memorials, even for temporary use, of cement, artificial stone composition, wood, tin or iron, shall not be permitted.

G. Should any headstone become unsightly, dilapidated or a danger to any person, the Village shall have the right, at the expense of the lot owner, either to correct the condition or to remove the same.

H. Headstones made of marble or sandstone shall not be permitted in the cemetery, except government headstones for veterans.

I. To prevent error and to protect lot owners, it shall be the responsibility of the memorial dealer to see that all inscriptions are correctly inscribed on headstones and monuments.”

SECTION 2. That existing Section 143.03(a)(28) of the Codified Ordinances of Waite Hill, Ohio, and any ordinances in conflict herewith, be and are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were held in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall be effective from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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Council President

Submitted to the Mayor  
for his approval on this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

Approved by the Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor