

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-9**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING SECTION 143.03, VILLAGE CEMETERY
RULES AND REGULATIONS, SUBSECTION (a)(27), OF
THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF
WAITE HILL, TO ENACT NEW REGULATIONS
APPLICABLE TO THE DECORATIONS AND PLANTINGS
FOR CEMETERY GRAVESITES.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to preserve the serenity of the Village's cemetery by limiting the size of any decorations placed on or near graves to a height of not more than twenty-four inches (24"), which is the maximum permitted height of gravestones.

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

SECTION 1. That existing Section 143.03(a)(27) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Waite Hill is hereby amended to provide, in its entirety 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:

(27) Planting and decorations of graves and lots shall be in accordance to the following:

- A. There shall be no planting of shrubs, trees, flowers or bushes, of any kind, in the cemetery without written permission issued by the Village of Waite Hill.
- B. No glass or plastic blocks, urns or containers shall be used at any time of the year.
- C. All Memorial Day or summer flowers or decorations shall be removed from the cemetery grounds by October 15 each year.
- D. Christmas decorations shall be removed from the cemetery grounds by March 1 each year.
- E. Easter flowers and decorations shall be removed two weeks after Easter.
- F. Neat artificial flowers may be used, but the right is reserved to remove such flowers when they appear dirty, broken or uncared for.
- G. Any potted plants, baskets or urns of flowers that are dead or dried up from lack of watering or neglect shall be removed.
- H. Cut flowers will be allowed.
- I. The Village shall not be responsible for stolen or broken pots, urns, baskets or vases.
- J. During the grass mowing season, wreaths, styrofoam crosses, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments and statues shall not be allowed.

- K. The Village shall have the authority to remove all floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, plants or herbage of any kind from the cemetery as soon as in the judgment of the person in charge of the cemetery, they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental or deceased, or when they do not conform to Village standards.
- L. The Village shall not be responsible for frozen plants, pots, or herbage of any kind, or for plantings damaged by the elements or other causes beyond its control.
- M. The Village reserves the right to prevent the removal of any flowers, floral designs, trees, shrubs or herbage of any kind, unless the person in charge of the cemetery gives permission.
- N. The Village shall undertake to maintain as may be practicable, the planting of trees and shrubs, to preserve and maintain landscape features, but shall not undertake to maintain individual plantings.
- O. No grave decoration shall be taller than twenty-four inches (24") measured from ground level."

SECTION 2. That existing Section 143.03(a)(27), and any ordinance or any part of any ordinance that conflicts with this ordinance, is repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3. That the 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 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____, 2024

Council President

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval

On this ____ day of _____, 2024

Approved by the Mayor:

_____, 2024

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor