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BLUEMONT CEMETERY
Grafton, West Virginia



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For the proper preservation and upkeep of Bluemont Cemetery, the City Commission of the City of Grafton, W. Va., has adopted and caused to be entered upon the permanent records of the City, the following ordinance.

The citizenship is most respectfully requested to co-operate with the City Commission and the Bluemont Cemetery Committee in maintaining these ordinances.

CHAS. O. KING, Mayor.
CLARENCE H. HINKLE,
JOS. A. NEWCOMB,
Commissioners.

Citizens Cemetery Committee,

B. F. POE,
CHAS. BRINKMAN,
JNO. B. KIMMEL.

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ORDINANCE NO. 66.

An ordinance providing for a Cemetery Board; for the control and management of Bluemont Cemetery and the digging of graves in Bluemont Cemetery and creating certain offenses with reference to acts committed in said Cemetery and providing the penalties for said offenses.

Be it ordained by the Commission of the City of Grafton:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Cemetery Board composed of three members, to be nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Commission, each of whom shall be at least thirty years of age, a citizen and resident of Grafton, owning property within the City of Grafton, with relatives of blood kin buried in Bluemont Cemetery, shall be of good character and shall serve subject to the pleasure and approval of the Commission and without compen-

sation. The said Cemetery Board is empowered to act as an advisory board and to advise with the Commission in matters pertaining to the said cemetery.

All moneys donated for the cemetery, to the Cemetery Board shall constitute a Cemetery Fund and shall be under the control of said Board expended by it for the purposes of beautifying and improving said Cemetery and the grounds and lots therein and said Board shall keep a record of it's receipts and expenditures of said fund. All moneys donated to the city, all money paid to the City for perpetual, or annual care of lots and all funds of the City shall be expended by the City.

The said Board shall designate one of it's members as treasurer, the said treasurer shall annually, in the month of January, make a report to the Cemetery Board of all money received and expended by him as such treasurer and of the balance in his hands at the time of making such report.

The treasurer shall execute bond for the faithful performance of his duties and the proper accounting of the funds in his hands, the amount of which bond may be increased or de-

creased from time to time as the said board may require, and if said treasurer fails to execute such bond within fifteen days after being so required to do, his office shall become vacant and the Cemetery Board shall immediately select his successor, and all funds, papers, books and records in the hands of such treasurer shall be immediately turned over by him to his successor, or to some person designated for the purpose by said Cemetery Board.

Section 2. For the maintaining and keeping in good condition burial lots, two plans are hereby formulated, that is, perpetual care and annual care. A lot owner shall be entitled to perpetual care of his lot by paying to the said city an amount equal to fifty cents for each square foot of area of his lot and shall be entitled to annual care by paying annually in advance to the said city three-fourths cent per square foot of his lot area, and such care shall consist in keeping grass neatly cut, shrubbery trimmed, lot free from weeds and filth and grass seed planted when necessary. Such work shall be done by the said city and paid for out of such funds. The said city shall issue to lot owners entitled to perpetual care a certificate to that effect, and furnish to lot owners enti-

tled to annual care a proper receipt for such money paid.

Section 3. There shall be employed by the Commission a Sexton or Superintendent of Bluemont Cemetery who shall receive such compensation for his services as from time to time may be determined by the Commission. He shall reside in the dwelling house located in the Bluemont Cemetery grounds and shall devote his entire time and attention to caring for the cemetery in all the various ways that may be necessary, that is, for the general upkeep, digging graves, removing dirt and drive ways and walks, and performing such other work necessary for the general upkeep of the cemetery. He shall see that all the rules and regulations and ordinances governing the cemetery are properly carried out; supervise all work and improvement in and about the cemetery, and no work on any street, driveway or walk or burial lot except work done by an owner on his own lot shall be done without the direction of the Superintendent or of the Commission of the City of Grafton. He shall see that all curbing, grading and other improvements shall harmonize and be in accordance

with such general plans as the Commission may adopt from time to time. He shall notify lot owners of any needed repairs upon such lot or when the same is in bad condition he shall make such repairs and keep such record as the Commission may direct, and at all time shall keep in a well bound book to be furnished by the Commission accurate records of all burials.

Said superintendent may also be appointed as a police officer of the City of Grafton, and when so appointed shall qualify as such and may execute bond in the penalty of thirty-five hundred dollars as such police officer.

In addition to the salary fixed by the Commission from time to time said superintendent shall have free house rent, free water, and the use of such part of the lot around the house, as the Commission from time to time may designate.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any one other than the sexton or superintendent mentioned in Section Three to dig any grave in Bluemont Cemetery except any person who may be employed by the Commission or the said superintendent, and any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon convic-

tion, be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, and upon failure to pay such fine, such person may be, at the discretion of the Mayor of the City of Grafton, confined in jail for a period of time not exceeding ten days.

Section 5. All persons who erect or place monuments or foot stones in Bluemont Cemetery must use a cement foundation at least twenty-four (24) inches deep for monuments not more than 18 inches square and 2½ feet high for foot stones, and when larger monuments or slabs are placed or erected a cement foundation must be placed at least even with the bottom of the box or grade, and if necessary to get a solid foundation, must be placed still deeper, and must be approved by the superintendent.

Each lot owner shall keep his burial lot in neat condition equivalent to the care provided for in this ordinance, and upon failure to do so he shall be notified by the superintendent of that fact and upon his failure to comply with such notice and to place his burial lot in such condition, the work shall be done by the City of Grafton and the expense thereof charged

against the said lot owner and shall be collected by the City of Grafton.

All persons owning lots in the said Cemetery are forbidden to sell or convey the same to another person at or for profit, and if any lot is sold by the owner thereof, it must be for the same price as was paid by the person purchasing from the City of Grafton, and deeds hereafter executed by the City of Grafton shall contain such provision.

Section 6. Burial lots owned by the City of Grafton shall be sold for cash at a price fixed by the City Commission and the City Clerk shall not deliver to the purchaser of a burial lot a deed therefor, or allow a body to be buried upon such lot until the purchaser shall have paid the City Clerk the consideration for said lot or make satisfactory arrangements for payment of same and the proper fee to have said deed recorded in the County Clerk's office. And the City Clerk, upon receiving said money for said lot and the recording thereof, shall cause the said deed to be presented to the County Clerk to be recorded.

A permit shall be secured from the City Clerk for each and every burial before a grave is dug

and such permit shall be issued and signed by the City Clerk on a form provided by him for that purpose, and before he shall issue such permit, he shall be paid the charges for digging such grave as follows:

Grave for adult, or person more than twelve years of age, Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

Grave for person less than twelve years of age, Seven Dollars (\$7.00), such permit, upon the payment of said charges, shall be delivered by the person receiving same to the Cemetery Superintendent or Sexton who shall thereupon cause the grave to be dug.

Section 8. All persons desiring to haul material of every kind by truck or other vehicles and wishing to use the streets or walks of the cemetery shall first secure permission of the Superintendent so to do.

No person shall injure, mutilate or deface any monument, marker, curbing or other improvements in the cemetery; nor injure or destroy any tree, shrub, plant or flower; nor injure or damage any street, ditch, fence, gate or other work or structure in the cemetery, and shall not loiter in the cemetery during the night time; nor conduct himself or herself in a disor-

derly manner; nor profanely curse or use obscene language; nor molest or disturb any burial conducted or being conducted, or any ceremony being held therein; nor molest or disturb any assembly of people lawfully in said cemetery; nor molest or interfere with any person or property therein; nor cast any filth or refuse matter in said cemetery; nor trespass upon any burial lot; or permit his lot to become and remain grown up with weeds, or in any improper condition.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Section shall, upon conviction before the Mayor of the City, be fined not less than Five Dollars nor more than Fifty Dollars for each offense, and in default of the payment of such fine, may, at the discretion of the mayor, be confined in jail not to exceed a period of ten days.

Section 9. The Sexton employed by the Commission shall not, while in the employment of the city, perform labor for any contractor in said cemetery, and he shall not receive any compensation from any other person, firm or corporation while in the employ of the city and a violation of this section shall be cause

for the immediate dismissal of said Sexton.

Section 10. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

T. H. CATHER, Mayor.

Signed:

G. T. VANCE, City Clerk.

