

TIPTON MASONIC CEMETERY

EST. 04/08/15

Rules for Visitors:

- The cemetery is open to visitors at all times between the hours of sunrise and sunset.
- Visitors are forbidden to pick any flowers (either wild or cultivated); injure any shrub, tree or plant; or mar or deface any monument, stone or structure in the cemetery.
- Vehicles traveling within the cemetery shall proceed at a speed not to exceed ten (10) miles per hour.
- Dogs will be permitted. They must be cleaned up after and under control of their owner at all times.
- Firearms will not be allowed at the cemetery except at military funerals.
- The spreading of ashes above ground is prohibited.

Decorating of graves:

- Any flower that sets into or on the floral containers on the tombstones will be permitted at all times, but will be removed when they become unsightly.
- Only annual flowers may be planted. Flowers should be planted as close to the tombstone as possible. It will be the responsibility of the planter to keep the planted area trimmed.
- Planting of trees, shrubs, and perennial flowers is forbidden.
- Artificial wreaths and evergreen blankets and wreaths are permitted between November 1st and April 15th only.
- Glass containers are forbidden.
- The complete burying of any container is forbidden.
- All decorations should be placed as close to the tombstone as possible to facilitate mowing.
- The cemetery will be completely cleared of all decorations on the 1st of April and October. Exceptions to this are decorations in permanent planters or in permanent containers on the tombstones. These will be removed only when they become unsightly.
- If you wish to save any flowers, pots, wire stands, etc., they need to be removed prior to the times described above; they may be placed out after the clean-up dates.

Cemetery Records:

- A plat of the cemetery, records of lot owners, lot descriptions, and grave locations are kept in the Tipton City office at 407 Lynn Street; the sale of a plot is evidenced by a deed. For any one plot there may be one full burial; one full burial with cremated remains; or two cremated remains.

Interments/Inurnments:

- The Cemetery Contractor shall be given a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice prior to all grave openings for the opening and preparation of the interment.
- All burials shall be in an outer burial vault.
- All grave openings and closings shall be made under the direction of the Cemetery Contractor. Persons ordering grave openings will be held responsible for payment in full per the established fees and charges.

Memorials:

- FOUNDATIONS for all monuments/markers in the Tipton Masonic Cemetery:
 1. No foundation or digging before first consulting the Cemetery Contractor or Public Works Director.
 2. All foundations must be of concrete.
 3. Foundation must have no less than four-inch (4") extension on each end and no less than four-inch (4") extension on front and back.
 4. Foundation must be at least 42" deep. (min. of 2 pillars or post holes with 8" cylinder to support 8"-10" thick foundation base.)

5. If government-provided veteran marker is the only marker it must be placed at the head of a grave. If a government provided veteran marker is a secondary marker (in addition to a personal marker) it will have to be the bronze niche-plate type marker and it will be installed at the head of the grave. Foot markers will be allowed, but will need to be flush with the ground.
 - All setting of monuments and markers and the transportation of all tools, materials, etc., within the cemetery grounds shall be subject to the supervision and control of the cemetery contractor or the Public Works director.
 - All new graves must have a temporary marker.
 - A monument or engraved marker must be in place after interment no longer than one year after burial.
 - All foundations shall be set by the monument company under the supervision of the cemetery contractor or public works director.
- The City of Tipton reserves the right to refuse permission to erect any memorial not in keeping with the good appearance of the cemetery grounds.

Fees for services:

Lot costs - \$350: Perpetual Care \$150:

Grave opening - \$700; \$750 Saturdays; \$850 Sunday and Holidays: Cremation opening \$300; \$350 Saturdays; \$450 Sunday and Holidays.

- In the event that interment spaces, memorials or memorilizations are damaged or defaced by acts of vandalism, the City of Tipton shall not be liable.