

## Cemetery Information & Regulations

City of Goshen, Indiana

2026

Violett Cemetery, 2818 Violett Road, (574) 536-1478

Oakridge Cemetery, 435 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, (574) 536-1489

West Goshen Cemetery, 1200 Berkey Avenue, (574) 536-1489

### *Decoration of Burial Spaces:*

- 1) While cemetery staff exercises appropriate care, the cemetery is not liable for floral arrangements, plantings, pots or other decorations left at graves.
- 2) The sexton may remove any floral arrangements, flowers, bushes, trees or decorations as soon as they become unsightly, overgrown, dangerous, detrimental or diseased or when they interfere with cemetery operations. Any decoration may be moved or removed to facilitate a burial.
- 3) To ensure the safety of visitors and of cemetery staff running power equipment, use of glass items or stone mulch to decorate graves is prohibited.
- 4) Planting of trees and bushes must be cleared with the sexton. Perennial and annual plantings should be close to the monument to avoid damage from mowers.
- 5) New installations of edging or bedding around a monument must be cleared with the sexton to be certain they do not interfere with standard grounds maintenance. Existing installations that are not maintained or that interfere with maintenance may be removed at the discretion of the sexton.
- 6) Spring cleanup is conducted the first full week of April. Any decorations not removed by family or friends prior to that will be removed at the discretion of the sexton or cemetery staff. Family and friends may decorate graves after spring clean-up.
- 7) Urns, planters or hanging hooks left unused may be removed at the discretion of the sexton. These items will be stored for one year before disposal.

### *General:*

- 8) Pet owners using the cemetery must keep their animals leashed and clean up after them.
- 9) No alcoholic beverages are permitted.
- 10) The cemeteries are closed dusk to dawn.
- 11) Cemetery visitors must keep their vehicles on the road.
- 12) The sexton is empowered to:
  - a) Enforce or modify these regulations to fit a situation.
  - b) Maintain and protect the property.

- c) Dismiss from the cemetery individuals and parties who may pose a threat to the property or to the efficient conduct of cemetery business.
- d) Appoint a designee to act in their behalf.

*Lots & Burials:*

- 13) Interments and disinterments are subject to all applicable laws.
- 14) Interments may not be scheduled weekdays after 4 p.m., Saturdays after 3 p.m., Sunday or on these holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas. Any additional city holidays will be charged at the Saturday pm rate.
- 15) Funerals reaching the cemetery after 3 p.m. on weekdays or 12 noon Saturdays must pay the higher opening/closing rate.
- 16) Graves may only be opened under the supervision of the sexton.
- 17) The sexton reserves the right to correct any errors made by the cemetery in making interments or in the sale and transfer of burial rights, including substitution of similar space of equal value.
- 18) Burial spaces may be purchased through the sexton at the cemetery office. Fees are set by the City of Goshen. A current fee schedule may be obtained from the cemetery office. All checks should be made payable to the City of Goshen.
- 19) Standard burial spaces are 4' by 10' and are intended to inter one adult casket burial or up to four cremations. Cremations may not be buried over a casket burial or in the monument row.
- 20) The sale of a burial space is an easement for the specific purpose of burial, not a transfer of fee simple interest in the real estate.
- 21) Concrete vaults are required for all body burials outside babyland. Cremation burials must be in a moisture resistant concrete, plastic or metal vault or urn-vault.

*Monuments & Foundations:*

- 22) All foundation work & monuments must meet guidelines approved by the Director of Cemeteries. For a copy of guidelines contact the cemetery office.

*Special Sections :*

- 23) Additional guidelines apply to these areas: New Veterans Section (Oakridge), Forest of Remembrance (Oakridge) and Violet Cremation Garden. For a copy of these guidelines contact the cemetery office.

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