

**CEMETERY ORDINANCE 250519A**  
**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP CEMETERY ORDINANCE**

An ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by establishing regulations relating to the operation, control, and management of cemeteries owned by the Genoa Charter Township (herein after referred to as "Township"), Livingston County, Michigan; to provide penalties for the violation of said ordinance, and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:**

**Section 1: Title**

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Genoa Charter Township Cemetery Ordinance under the care and custody of the Township Board of Trustees.

**Section 2: Purpose and Intent**

The Genoa Charter Township Board recognizes and concludes that the proper and reasonable maintenance, appearance and use of the cemetery or cemeteries owned or controlled by the Township is an important function of the government of the Township. It is also important that burials, disinterments and other matters associated with a municipal cemetery are handled in a respectful and proper way in order to promote the safety, public health and general welfare of the community. The Township Board finds that the adoption and enforcement of this Ordinance is in the best interests of the property owners and residents of the Township.

**Section 3: Definitions**

- (a) "Burial site" - Burial sites shall consist of a land area four (4) feet wide and ten (10) feet in length sufficient to accommodate one burial space for one deceased person. Exceptions may be made with Township permission to accommodate infant burial or the burial of cremains.
- (b) "Infant" - Infant means someone who is two years or younger at the time of death.
- (c) "Sexton" - The Sexton is appointed by the Township Clerk and is responsible for cemetery maintenance, grounds keeping and burials.
- (d) "Clerk" - Shall be the elected Clerk of Genoa Charter Township and whom maintains records and sells plots.

**Section 4: Sale of Plots**

Hereafter, cemetery plots shall be sold only to residents or taxpayers of the Township and/or their immediate family which is described as follows: spouse, parent, grandparent, children, grandchildren, step-children and foster children of the original plot owners. The term also includes "great" to the above where applicable for the purpose of the burial of such purchaser or his or her heirs at law or next of kin.

No sale shall be made to funeral directors or others than as heretofore set forth. The Township Clerk, however, is hereby granted the authority to vary the aforesaid restriction on sales where the purchaser discloses sufficient personal reason for burial within the Township through previous residence in the Township or relationship to persons interred therein.

All such sales shall be made on a form approved by the Township Board, which grants a right of burial only and does not convey any other title to the plot or burial space sold. Such form shall be executed by the Township Clerk.