

Village of De Soto

Cemetery

Ordinance #48

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1. Title

This ordinance shall be cited as the “Village of De Soto Cemetery Ordinance” herein referred to as “this ordinance”.

2. Authority

This ordinance is adopted by the powers granted to the Village of De Soto under Wisconsin Statute 61.34 – Powers of the Village Board and Wisconsin Statutes 157.061 et seq. – Cemeteries.

3. Purpose

This ordinance establishes the supervision of and rules for the only recognized cemetery within the village limits hereafter described as the “De Soto Village Cemetery” or “cemetery” and any ancillary property such as the cemetery parking lot platted as the “De Soto Park”.

4. Sale of Lots

- a. Title vests in the grantees and their heirs for the use of human burials only.
- b. All lots are sold with maintenance and care.
- c. Sale or transfer of title must be recorded with the Village Clerk or designated alternate.
- d. Title for all lots must be fully paid at time of purchase.
- e. The cost of title to a lot with maintenance and care will be periodically established by the Village Board of Trustees.
- f. The cost of interment/inurnment will be periodically established by the Village Board of Trustees.

5. Burial Rules

1. Lots in the cemetery may only be used for the interment/inurnment of human remains and such decorations as the Cemetery Rules – Village of De Soto may allow, copy attached as Appendix 1.
2. Interments are generally conducted from March 15 to November 30 with exceptions, weather allowing, through the winter.

3. Cremains may be interred throughout the year at the discretion of the Village Clerk and Street Superintendent.
 4. Any monuments or markers erected by families or other interested parties are their responsibility solely. The Village acknowledges no responsibility whatsoever for their condition or appearance.
6. **Visitor Rules**
1. Rules governing visitors to the cemetery are listed in the Cemetery Rules – Village of De Soto attached as Appendix 1.
 2. Neither the cemetery nor the Village are responsible for theft or damage to any personal property or decorations including artifacts, personal effects, etc. placed on grave sites or elsewhere in the cemetery.

7. **Severability**


The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable. IF any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

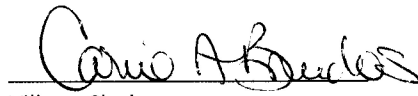
8. **Penalties**

1. Failure to comply with Visitor Rules will result in the issuance of a citation and monetary penalty not to exceed \$50 per event or the actual cost of repair any damage or return the cemetery to its condition prior to the failure.
2. Violation of the Burial Rules will be referred to the County District Attorney for resolution.

9. **Effective Date and Attestation**

This ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Village of De Soto Board of Trustees on March 7, 2023.


Village President 3/10/23
Date


Village Clerk

Cemetery Rules – Village of De Soto, WI

A. Hours

1. Visiting hours are from sunrise to sunset. Persons found on the grounds after hours are subject to arrest for trespass.
2. Visitors are reminded that the cemetery is sacred ground and strict observance of all proprieties due such a place are required.

B. Decorations

1. Unbreakable plastic or metal pots with artificial or real flowers may be placed on poles not to exceed 3' in height and located immediately next to grave markers. Such items will be removed when they become unsightly, decrepit, or deteriorated. Existing concrete pots/vases in good condition may remain but no future installation will be allowed.
2. Any pot or vase permanently affixed to a grave marker must be within the marker's footprint.
3. Natural and artificial flowers and wreaths may be placed on grave markers. They will be removed when wilted, soiled, faded or otherwise damaged.
4. Other non-breakable decorations may be placed on grave markers and maintained in good order. Determination of appropriateness is in the sole discretion of the Village Board of Trustees.
5. Holiday-specific decorations are to be removed within 2 weeks following the holiday.
6. Breakable or otherwise delicate items placed on grave sites will be removed.
7. The following flags are permitted: US National Flag, State of Wisconsin Flag, US Armed Forces Flags, flags of recognized nations of the UN. Any such flags are limited to 8" by 12" in size and 2' in height to be located as close to the grave marker as possible.
8. No decorations are to be placed where they may interfere maintenance operations such as mowing and trimming.

C. General

1. The cemetery and village cannot be held responsible for theft or damage to any personal property or decorations including artifacts, personal effects, etc., placed on grave sites or elsewhere in the cemetery.
2. Interments are conducted from March 15 to November 30, weather permitting. Cremains may be interred throughout the year, weather permitting, at the discretion of the village clerk and street superintendent.
3. Clean-up days are generally held twice annually in the Spring and Fall.
4. Refuse should be deposited in the covered can at the gate.