

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 945.09 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CHANGE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF MONUMENT, HEADSTONE OR MARKER

WHEREAS, Council desires to make certain amendments to Chapter 945.09 of the Codified Ordinance regulating Village cemeteries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, County of Summit, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Chapter 945.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Richfield is hereby amended as follows:

“CHAPTER 945.09

945.09 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE INFORMATION.

- (a) The grade of all cemetery grounds shall be established by the Village. The Director of Public Service shall, as nearly as practicable, bring the surface of all cemetery lots, graves or burial spaces to the existing established grades.
- (b) No interment may be made unless the body or remains is accompanied by a burial permit.
- (c) The location of burial spaces upon a cemetery lot shall be designated by the Director of Public Service.
- (d) Monuments, monumental urns, headstones and flush markers shall be set with reasonable uniformity of and as to line, grade and setting. To maintain such uniformity the Director of Public Service is authorized to enter upon any cemetery lot, grave, or burial space to reset any such structure at the expense of the Village.
- (e) No monument, headstone or flush marker shall be placed nearer than three (3) inches to each grave lot line except when side by side, if contiguous ownership graves exist the stone will be centered over them.
- (f) Only one (1) monument, headstone or flush marker, and one pillow stone may be placed upon any one (1) grave. No monument, headstone or marker shall exceed ~~seventy-two~~**one hundred (72100)** inches in height and shall be ~~four~~**twelve (412)** to ~~twelve~~**fourteen (1214)** inches (from front to back). In the case of a military headstone the same guidelines will be followed as for all other headstones. If a headstone exists then a military foot stone may be added to the grave in lieu of a pillow stone. The location, size and inscription of any headstone or marker shall first be approved by the Director of Public Service.
- (g) Raised or flush headstones or markers shall conform to the requirements of subsections (e - f) of this section.”

SECTION 2. That any ordinances or resolutions in conflict with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this

Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees or subcommittees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 12-16-25



President of Council



Mayor

Dated: 12/16/2025

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council