

**VILLAGE OF CRAVEN**  
**BYLAW NO 04-2024**  
**A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE**  
**FOREST LAWN CEMETERY**

The Council of the Village of Craven in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

**1. CITATION**

This Bylaw may be cited as “The Cemetery Bylaw”.

**2. GOVERNING LEGISLATION**

The Cemeteries Act prevails in all circumstances where there might arise a conflict between the Act and The Cemetery Bylaw.

**3. DESCRIPTION OF CEMETERY**

The following land is hereby declared to be a Cemetery of the Village of Craven and shall hereafter be known as “Forest Lawn Cemetery”, namely;  
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**4. DEFINITIONS**

In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires expression,

- a) “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Village of Craven and anyone acting as his/her designate in the provision of this bylaw;
- b) “Base” refers to an optional bottom portion of a monument that rests between the monument and the foundation and is made of granite, marble or concrete;
- c) “Burial” means the interment of human remains or cremated human remains in a grave;
- d) “Cemetery” means the Cemetery of the Village of Craven established pursuant to Section 2 of this bylaw and operated in accordance with the Act by and under control of the Village;
- e) “Council” means the Council of the Village of Craven”
- f) “Disinterment” means the removal and relocation of human remains;
- g) “Employee” means an employee of the Village of Craven.
- h) “Foundation” means a concrete or granite slab of specific proportion for the placement of a monument and/or base, the top of which is normally at ground level.

- i) "Grave" means a plot of land in the Cemetery to be utilized solely for the interment of human remains or ashes.
- j) "Licensee" means the person or persons who purchase a grave lot or lots in the Cemetery.
- k) "Medical Health Officer" means the Medical Health Officer or designate and shall include the Senior Public Health Inspector and anyone under the instructions of the Medical Health Officer for the Health Region containing the Village of Craven; in carrying out this Bylaw;
- l) "Monument" means anything that is called a headstone, tombstone, upright or vertical monument, or a pillow marker that may be supported by a monument base, but which must be supported by a foundation;
- m) "Perpetual Care" means the ongoing upkeep; including the care and repair of the cemetery;
- n) "Village" means the Village of Craven in the Province of Saskatchewan;
- o) "Green Burials" which is burial without embalming (the use of preservatives such as formaldehyde or other chemicals) and burial without a vault.

## 5. SITE REGULATIONS

### a) Depth of Graves and Grave Digging Services

- i) No grave shall be less than six feet in depth from the surface of the ground surrounding the grave. Earth interment of ashes may be less than six feet in depth, but shall not be less than thirty inches in depth from the surface of the ground surrounding the grave.
- ii) No person, other than parties authorized by the Village of Craven shall dig or open any grave at the Forest Lawn Cemetery.

### b) Disinterment

Disinterment for the purpose of moving the body of a deceased person from the Cemetery for reinterment in a different cemetery shall only be permitted upon the production of the written permission of the Chief Medical Officer for the Ministry of Health issued pursuant to an application under The Public Health Act and in accordance with the Disease Control Regulations.

No disinterment shall be carried out between November 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31 unless authorized by the Attorney-General of the Province of Saskatchewan.

**c) Permit and Payment Required Prior to Interment**

Prior to an interment, any person arranging for the interment in any grave in the Cemetery shall provide the following to the Village:

- i. A Burial Permit issued by the properly authorized office of the Provincial Government;
- ii. Payment in full of all charges related to the Cemetery as stated in Schedule A of this Bylaw

**6. CARE AND IMPROVEMENT OF GRAVES AND PLOTS****a) General Care**

The Council of the Village of Craven shall assume the general care of the entire Cemetery. The licensee of a grave lot shall observe all rules and regulations passed from time to time by Council for keeping the grave lots in order. No unauthorized motorized vehicles are permitted to drive within the Cemetery grounds without prior permission received from Council.

**b) Means of Providing Notice**

It is the responsibility of the licensee or their family to ensure the Village of Craven has an up to date mailing address to which notices regarding the cemetery can be sent. All notices regarding cemetery plots will be sent to the last known mailing address associated with the licensee.

**c) Responsibility**

All items placed in the Cemetery by the public shall be at their own risk. The Village accepts no responsibility for any damaged or missing items. The Village accepts no responsibility for degrading of markers and monuments due to normal wear or deterioration. Minor chipping of the base as a result of mowing or trimming is considered normal wear.

**d) No Plantings**

No person shall plant any vegetation including trees, flowers, or shrubs or similar plant material intended for growth on any grave in the Cemetery or in any area of the Cemetery without first gaining the approval of the Administrator. The Village reserves the right to plant and remove any perennial flowers, shrubs and trees and to landscape and carry out improvements at the grounds.

**e) No Fences, Railings, Borders Etc.**

No person shall construct any fence, railing, trellis, or coping on any grave in the Cemetery or in any other area of the Cemetery without first gaining the approval of the Administrator or Authorized Member of Council.

**f) Removal of Items in Disrepair**

Should any present item be in a complete state of disrepair or is encroaching on adjacent graves, roadway or walk, the Administrator may, after notice in writing to the Licensee at his/her last known address have the said item removed from the Cemetery if the condition is not remedied.

**g) Decorations**

To preserve the proper appearance of the Cemetery, the Village of Craven reserves the right to remove all items from the Cemetery that do not form a part of the permanent monument. Items that may be removed include but are not limited to solar lights, chimes, rocks, stepping stones, flags, poles and floral arrangements that are not placed in an approved, permanent vase.

Ornaments, including flower holders or vases, crosses and statues, may be permitted on burial lots if they are:

- i. unbreakable;
- ii permanently secured to the base of the memorial;

**h) Memorialization Following Internment**

Items placed at the grave site following an interment will be left in place for a period of ten (10) days. Following the ten (10) day period, they will be disposed of by the Cemetery Groundskeeper; unless gaining approval of the administrator for an extended time.

**7. MONUMENTS****a) Location of Monument**

All monuments and markers must be set at the head of a grave lot and the Village may require that the location of monuments and markers be approved prior to installation.

**b) Foundation of Monument**

Each monument or marker shall be set upon a concrete or granite foundation. The upper surface of such foundation shall be constructed to surface or ground level and the foundation shall protrude three (3) inches on all sides of the monument or marker to be erected thereon.

**c) Inscription Layout**

Where a Monument is marking more than one grave, it is the responsibility of the person making the application to ensure the Monument's inscription corresponds with the correct sides or location of the burials.

Offences and Penalties. No person shall injure any shrub or tree or pick or destroy any flower, wild or cultivated, growing in the Cemetery.

**8. GREEN BURIAL**

- a) Due to the proximity of Village residences, green or natural burials are not permitted in the Village of Craven’s Forest Lawn Cemetery.

**9. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

- a) No person shall write upon, mark, scratch or deface any monument, structure or fence in or around the Cemetery.
- b) Any person who damages any plot, marker, monument, fence, building or other structure in the Cemetery shall be liable to the Village for such damages, besides being guilty of a breach of this Bylaw.
- c) Any person guilty of an infraction of the Bylaw or any part thereof shall be liable on summary conviction to the penalties prescribed in section 9 (f)below.
- d) No person shall disturb the quiet or good order of a Cemetery by noise or other improper conduct.
- e) It is an offense to operate any recreational vehicles within the Cemetery.
- f) Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction of the General Penalties Bylaw 01/2008

**10. Bylaw No. 02-2022 is repealed.**

This bylaw shall come into force on the day of adoption by the Village of Craven Council.

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Mayor

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Administrator

Read three times and adopted  
on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_

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Administrator

**Schedule "A" Forest Lawn Cemetery Fees and Charges**

Single Grave Site	\$350.00
Up to 3 cremations allowed on one gravesite.	