

**CITY OF PORTAGE  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE #O-1-2026**

**TO: The residents and property owners of the City of Portage, Kalamazoo County, Michigan and any other interested persons.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Chapter 18, Cemeteries, was amended with various updates, which was adopted by the City Council of the City of Portage at its regular meeting on February 10, 2026. That Chapter 18 shall be amended as follows:

**Sec. 18-1 through 18-30:** Changed all notations of “parks & recreation” to “public works”.

**Sec. 18-6. Records:** Defined the city clerk or designee as cemetery sexton for records, keeping all records on file in the office of the city clerk.

**Sec. 18-8. Burial right fees; transfer of burial rights:** Defines “resident”.

**Sec. 18-9. Multiple burials in single grave:** Updated “infant” to “child”.

**Sec. 18-11. Notice required before funerals; restrictions on time of funerals:** Updated notice to 48 hours.

**Sec. 18-12. Supervision of grave preparation:** Defined the director of public works as cemetery sexton for maintenance purposes.

**Sec. 18-18. Fences, hedges and curbing prohibited on individual lots:** Defined fences, hedges, and curbing.

**Sec. 18-19. Planting of trees and shrubs:** Defined trees and shrubs.

**Sec. 18-23. Standards for markers and memorials:** notes foundations will be concrete and poured by the city and removed City Council from the design aspect, removing the appeal options.

**Sec. 18-28. Design of new areas; lot dimensions:** Updated “infant” notations to “youth” and raised the age limit from three months to seven years.

**Sec. 18-30. Columbarium:** clarified burial rights for columbarium niches and decorations standards.

Effective Date: 15 days from Publication.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the Ordinance may be requested or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk at the address set forth below during regular business hours of regular business days following the date of this publication.

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