



GRAFTON
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Town of Grafton Ordinance No. 2016-05

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 1, ZONING,
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF GRAFTON, WISCONSIN,
ADDRESSING INDOOR AND OUTDOOR COLUMBARIA**

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Grafton that the Municipal Code of the Town of Grafton be further modified and amended in the manner hereinafter more particularly set forth; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Public Hearing before the Town Board was duly published in the *Ozaukee Press* on October 27th, 2016, and November 3rd, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held before the Town Board on November 16th, 2016, regarding the proposed Amendments to the Town's Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, based on the above, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Grafton that the Municipal Code of the Town of Grafton be further modified and amended in the manner hereinafter more particularly set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Grafton does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1:

Section 9.1.4.04(F) of the Town of Grafton Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as provided below by adding the underlined language:

9.1.4.04 Public And Semipublic Uses

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- (F) Colleges; Universities; Hospitals; sanitariums; religious, charitable, and temporary charitable residential shelters; cemeteries; columbaria and crematories in any district provided all principal structures and uses are not less than 50 feet from any lot line.

Section 2:

Section 9.1.4.04 of the Town of Grafton Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as provided below by adding a new subsection (G) as follows:

(G) Regulations for Columbaria.

(1) Definition: A building, structure, or part of a building or structure that is used or intended to be used for the inurnment of cremated remains. (Wis. Stat. § 440.70 (4)).

(2) Any religious association may establish an indoor columbarium or an outdoor columbarium as an accessory structure subject to Wis. Stat. § 157.123, and the conditional use requirements set forth by this subsection:

(a) Indoor Columbaria. A religious association may establish an indoor columbarium subject to the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 157.123, the Town of Grafton building code and the following requirements:

1. A plan of perpetual care and maintenance of any proposed columbarium, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 157.123(2)(b).

(b) Outdoor Columbaria. A religious association may establish an outdoor columbarium subject to the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 157.123, and the following requirements set forth below:

1. A religious association must submit a site plan application, conditional use permit application, and a plan of perpetual care and maintenance of any proposed columbarium pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 157.123(2)(b) for review to the Plan Commission:

2. All Outdoor Columbaria must comply with the following physical requirements:

- a. Location: A columbarium must be located outside a building owned and occupied by a religious association as defined by Wis. Stat. § 157.123(2)(a).
- b. Height: Outdoor columbaria must be no higher than six (6) feet as measured from the average grade elevation where the columbarium meets the grade.
- c. Size: Columbaria structures shall meet the requirements of the zoning district in which they are located.
- d. Setback: Columbaria structures shall meet the setback and side yard requirements of zoning district.
- e. Appearance: Columbaria shall be consistent in material and design with the primary structure.
- f. Signage: Signage shall be limited to inscriptions on the face of a columbarium niche and commemorative plaque on the columbarium structure. Commemorative plaques may be no larger than 12 inches by 12 inches.
- g. Left Objects: Left objects, such as flowers and mementos, are permitted, but must be monitored by the religious association and removed within seven (7) days of placement.


Section 3:

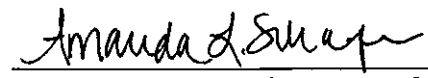
Except as hereinabove specifically modified and amended, the Code of Ordinances, Town of Grafton, Wisconsin, shall remain in full force and effect exactly as originally adopted and previously amended. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4:

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication or posting.

Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Grafton, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, at its regularly scheduled meeting on this 16th day of November, 2016.


Lester A. Bartel, Jr., Town Chairman


Amanda L. Schaefer, Town Clerk

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