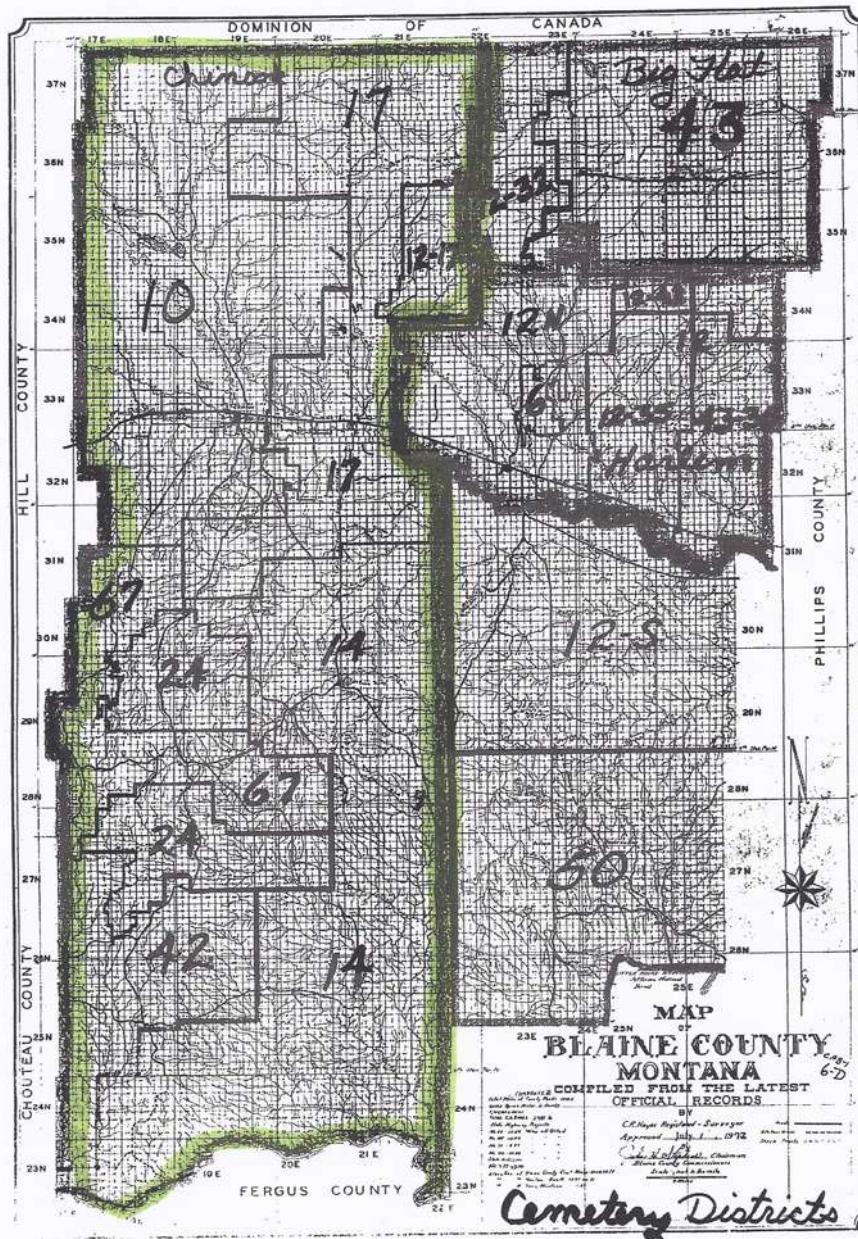


## Blaine County Public Cemetery District July 1, 2011

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1966 the City of Chinook deeded to the Chinook Public Cemetery District of Blaine County, Montana the parcels of land used for cemetery purposes. This was to become what is now known as Blaine County Public Cemetery District and is managed by the Blaine County Public Cemetery Board. See below map for area of cemeteries.



## Rules and Regulations of Blaine County Public Cemetery District

### **1. Ownership and Management:**

- A. Management of the cemeteries shall be under the direction of the Blaine County Public Cemetery District Board, which is responsible to the Blaine County Commissioner's for direct and complete supervision of the cemeteries in all matters.
- B. Activities: Within the confines of the Cemetery Grounds: The Blaine County Public Cemetery Board shall have complete supervision of all activities within the confines of the cemetery grounds.
- C. It is not the responsibility of Blaine County to maintain the lots and gravesites.
- D. All activities at the cemeteries are subject to budget limits.
- E. No assignment or transfer of lots shall be valid without the prior consent of the Cemetery Board endorsed upon such transfer or assignment and entered on the record by the Board. Additionally, anyone who no longer wishes to retain their lot(s) may return them to the Cemetery Board. The Board will in turn refund their original purchase price.

### **2. Definitions:**

- A. Cemetery: The term "cemetery" is defined as a burial grounds for earth interments.
- B. Interment: The term "interment" shall mean the permanent disposition of the human remains of a deceased person into the earth.
- C. Memorial or Marker: The term memorial or marker shall designate a monument, tablet or headstone for the family or individual use.

### **3. Interments:**

- A. Request for interment shall be made to either the Chairman of the Cemetery Board, the Secretary of the Cemetery Board or a board member who is assigned the duty.
- B. Any request submitted on Friday must be for no sooner than Monday afternoon.
- C. No interment will be allowed on Sunday or legal holidays or on the day upon which any holiday is legally observed, except by the approval of the Cemetery Board Chairman.
- D. Emergency burial arrangements must be made through the Cemetery Board Chairman and proof of emergency furnished.
- E. A lot space may be reserved for surviving spouse, upon a written request to the Cemetery Board. If the lot is not paid for within 30 days the lot will no longer be reserved.

### **4. General Supervision of the Cemeteries:**

- A. The Cemetery Board is in charge of all openings and closings of the graves. All openings and closings shall be under the supervision and coordination of a member of the Cemetery Board or its employees.

- B. Once a casket containing a body is in the confines of the cemetery, no funeral director, or his embalmer, or assistant, employee, agent, cemetery official or any other person shall be permitted to open a casket or to touch a body without the consent of the legal representative of the deceased or without a court order.
- C. All Cemetery regulation will be governed by Montana state regulations and statues.

#### **5. Site Preparation:**

**Approved Grave liners:** Every earth interment must be made in an outside vault of concrete. The vault shall be furnished and installed by the mortuary. The Cemetery Board has the right to refuse any vault that is damaged or in any way inadequate.

#### **6. Permanent Markers**

- A. No monuments of any kind except head or footstones may be placed or removed without first obtaining written permission from the cemetery board.
- B. Headstones must be placed on a granite or concrete base that is 3” thick and at least 6” longer and wider on all sides of the headstone. Headstones and footstones must not exceed the perimeter of the lot or lots purchased. Headstone and footstone maintenance is the responsibly of the family.
- C. The Cemetery District will not be responsible for any monuments or memorials placed within the cemetery property.
- D. Anyone wanting to set a headstone or permanent memorial in the cemetery must have prior written approval by the cemetery board.
- E. Any monument or marker that is not properly maintained or damaged and deemed unsafe or unsightly by the Cemetery Board will be dealt with at the discretion and fund limitations of the Cemetery Board.
- F. The Cemetery Board reserves the right to regulate the choice of permanent markers and has the right to remove any markers that do not maintain uniform beauty of the cemetery.

#### **7. Rules Governing the Maintenance of Cemetery**

- A. Maintaining Burial Sites: The family of the deceased shall be responsible for the general upkeep and appearance of said lots. The county shall not be responsible for the maintenance of individual gravesites.
- B. No trees or Shrubs of any kind may be planted or removed without written permission of the cemetery board.
- C. All decorations shall be limited to the gravesites. No decorations shall be hung or attached to the cemetery fences.
- D. All memorials placed on gravesite in the observance of Memorial Day must be removed within seven (7) days after Memorial Day.
- E. All memorials left within the cemetery through the winter months must be removed by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- F. The Cemetery Board reserves the right to regulate the method of decorating lots and the right to remove any decoration so that a uniform beauty may be maintained.
- G. No off road vehicles are allowed in the cemetery except by cemetery personal.

## Veterans Sections

Section four (4) Block four (4) of the Kuper Memorial Cemetery has been designated for burial of Veterans. The following rules and regulations apply to this section.

### Eligibility for Interment

The persons specified below are eligible for interment in the Veterans section of the Kuper Memorial Cemetery. The last period of active duty of former members of the Armed Forces must have ended honorably. Interment may be casketed or cremated remains.

- a. Any active duty member of the Armed Forces
- b. Any veteran who is retired from active military service with the Armed Forces.
- c. Any veteran who is retired from the Reserves.
- d. Any former member of the Armed Forces separated for physical disability
- e. Any former member of the Armed Forces whose service terminated honorably
- f. The President of the United States or any former President of the United States.
- g. Any former prisoner of war who, while a prisoner of war, served honorably in the active military, naval, or air service, whose last period of military, naval or air service terminated honorably
- h. The spouse, widow or widower, minor child, or permanently dependent child, if dependency was before age 18, of the above eligible veterans.
- i. The widow or widower of:
  1. a member of the Armed Forces who was lost or buried at sea or officially determined to be missing in action.
  2. a member of the Armed Forces who is interred in a US military cemetery overseas that is maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission.
  3. a member of the Armed Forces who is interred as part of a group burial.
- j. The surviving spouse, minor child, or permanently dependent child, if dependency was before age 18, of any person already buried in Veterans section.
- k. The parents of a minor child, or permanently dependent child if dependency was before age 18, whose remains, based on the eligibility of a parent, is already buried.
- l. A spouse divorced from the primary is not eligible.
- m. Provided certain conditions are met, a former member of the Armed Forces may be buried in the same grave with a close relative who is already buried and is the primary eligible.