# West Sadsbury Township Zoning Amendment – Cemeteries

Section 1228 – Cemeteries

Cemeteries shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. All cemeteries except those on the same lot as a place of religious worship shall be no less than five (5) acres in size.
2. Landscaping and ground cover shall be required and properly maintained at all times.
3. No buildings other than those directly associated with the cemetery, such as maintenance sheds, a caretaker's house, chapel, and mausoleums shall be permitted. Such buildings shall be no closer than two hundred (200) feet to any lot line or public street.
4. Markers and burial plots shall be setback at least twenty-five (25) feet from any lot line or public street right-of-way .
5. Cemeteries shall not be located in any floodplain, wetlands, riparian buffer or on hydric soils.
6. An application for cemetery use shall include the following:
    A. A master plan identifying the overall layout of plots, internal road network, buildings and other improvements and exhibiting perpetual care arrangements for landscaping and ground covers.
    B. A valid permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Health .
    C. A narrative of how the cemetery will be developed and maintained, including a detailed financial plan for the long-term maintenance of the cemetery .
7. A crematorium shall not be permitted in a cemetery.

** Revise Definition of Cemetery in Section 202 by deleting “including crematory”

CEMETERY - A burial ground for human remains. All of the auxiliary activities and buildings or structures that contemporary society recognizes as accompanying a cemetery or memorial gardens ~~including crematory~~, but excluding any nonhuman use, and not including any activity not specifically related to burial. Commercial activities such as floral, marker, equipment and other similarly related subjects are typical of activities not included.