



# Trustees

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## **Randolph Cemetery Rules and Regulations**

Section 517.11 of the Ohio Revised Code provides the Board of Randolph Township Trustees to provide for the protection and preservation of cemeteries under its jurisdiction. Section 517.06 of the Ohio Revised Code specifically provides that such board shall make and enforce all needful rules and regulations.

Such rules and regulations for Randolph Township, Portage County, Ohio Cemeteries are:

1. Cemeteries shall be closed to the public between sunset and sunrise.
2. Four (4) cemetery lots per purchaser/family is the limit unless a true need is proven and the Randolph Township Trustees approve such a need at a regular business meeting.
3. All cemetery lots sold after June 1, 1988, and not used within twenty (20) years, such lot(s) revert back to the Township unless the purchaser/family requests in writing for renewal which shall be provided at no charge. A designation of use may be handled at the time of purchase to avoid this problem.
4. The Board of Randolph Township Trustees may re-purchase lots at the purchaser's price, not at a greater amount than that price.
5. Mr. or Mrs. X has a deed to cemetery lots and wishes to let another party use it. The proper procedure is the deed holder must surrender the deed to the Township and the Trustee Board will then issue a new deed at no charge. The old deed must be properly notarized before this transfer can be made.
6. Head stones, monuments or markers in Hillside-West shall be at ground level, except in Section "A" which may be either upright or ground level (Sections "B," "C," and "D" are ground level only), unless a request is made by the state or federal government for the erection of a monument for any service person. All decorations in Hillside-West shall be at ground level in sections "B," "C," and "D". All sections must abide by Article "7" below.
7. All grave decorations and/or plantings (temporary) shall be removed by the owner no later than seven (7) days after a holiday; if not removed after this time, the Township shall remove it with no obligation for replacement should the owner want it back. Winter decorations may be placed on the gravesite after November 15 and removed by March 15 yearly or they will be removed with no obligation for replacement to the owner. Hillside-West shall require an agreement from the Trustees before any flower and/or shrubbery or permanent planting may be made. Hillside East shall have the same agreement involving any permanent plantings made after January 1, 1988. The Trustees reserve the right to alter and/or remove any such permanent plantings which interfere with other gravesites, natural drainage paths, roads or walkways or in any other way interfere with the area surrounding the planting.
8. Payment for opening and closing shall be made at the time of the funeral.
9. The purchasers of cemetery lots are subject to all rules and regulations here and henceforth set by the Randolph Township Trustees.
10. There shall be no charge for the use of the chapel regardless of race, creed, or faith.
11. All cemetery fees shall be set at the Organizational Meeting of the Randolph Township Trustees yearly and are subject to change at any public meeting, without notice.
12. The above rules and regulations were officially adopted by the Board of Randolph Township Trustees in June, 1988, amended in May, 2000 and March, 2005, and are law immediately.

**BY ORDER OF THE RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**