



Ohio Revised Code

Section 517.12 Regulating hours of access to cemeteries.

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The board of township trustees may make rules specifying the times when cemeteries under its control shall be closed to the public. The board shall cause the rules to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks using at least one of the following methods:

- (A) In the print or digital edition of a newspaper of general circulation within the township;
- (B) On the official public notice web site established under section 125.182 of the Revised Code;
- (C) On the web site and social media account of the township.

The board also may post appropriate notice in the township as considered necessary.

The purposes of such rules shall be to assure a reasonable time of access to the cemeteries in view of the differences in attendance anticipated from past experience as to each, to exclude attendance at times when no proper purposes could normally be expected, to permit exceptions to the normal hours of access on reasonable request with adequate reason provided, and to facilitate the task of protecting the premises from vandalism, desecration, and other improper usage.

Whoever violates these rules is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
