

Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing Provides Cemetery Resources

As outlined in a previous article, the Cemetery Section of the Ohio Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing is tasked with registering Ohio's cemeteries and supporting the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission in resolving disputes or complaints involving its registered cemeteries.

The Division's website offers a wealth of information for both consumers and cemetery operators. One of the resources available online is a consumer brochure that offers information about cemetery registration, the availability of the Commission to help resolve complaints and consumer tips. Looking for the Revised Code Chapter that applies to your cemetery? Go to the "Resources" tab at the top of the website and select the Chapter you need. Also, the Commission's member list, meeting schedule and meeting minutes from 2005 through

present can be found online at www.com.ohio.gov/real/default.aspx.

In addition to resolving disputes involving its registered cemeteries, the Commission annually adopts suggested maintenance guidelines for all cemeteries registered in the State of Ohio. The guidelines cover items such as grounds maintenance and the management of a cemetery's rules, regulations and records. These guidelines provide very important information for any registered cemetery. Follow this link to find them: www.com.ohio.gov/documents/real_CemeterySuggestedMinimumMaintenanceGuidelines.pdf.

Looking for a cemetery or trying to find out if your cemeteries are all registered? At the Division's eLicense Center you can look up registered

cemeteries in the State of Ohio and the cemetery operators. While searching, you will find different prefixes associated with different registration numbers. Here is a quick key to those prefixes:

- CGR - governmental cemeteries
- CBR - religious/benevolent/established fraternal organization cemeteries
- CRC - cemetery associations
- CEO - cemetery operators

The e-License Center can be found online by visiting www.elicense3-secure.com.ohio.gov/Lookup/LicenseLookup.aspx.

The Division will continue to add new resources to the website so be sure to check back regularly. Your suggestions and comments are always welcome and can be shared by emailing webrea@com.state.oh.us or by calling the Division at 614.466.4100. ☐