Parmer County Policy Regarding Cremation Time Waiver

In Compliance of the Texas Health and Safety Code Section 716.004 WAITING PERIOD FOR CREMATION.

A crematory establishment may not cremate human remains within 48-hours of the time of death indicated on a death certificate unless the waiting period is waived in writing. The crematory establishment or funeral establishment shall put in writing the request to the Justice of the Peace of Parmer County, Texas who is conducting an inquest on human remains of a person who has died in Parmer County the waiver of the mandatory 48-hours waiting period for review. The written request shall not be in violation of chapter 49 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure or Title 8 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and it has been established the human remains have been identified. The crematory or funeral establishment shall in person, by telephone or electronically contact the Justice of the Peace who is conducting their inquest at their precinct office during their regular business hours. If a request is made outside of the regular business hours, on a weekend or holiday the funeral or crematory establishment may contact the Justice of the Peace on their cell phone if it is known to them or contact the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and request the on-call Judge. Upon notification of a request is being made to waive the 48-hours period the Justice of the Peace shall make contact with the funeral or crematory establishment to inform them of procedures to process the request as quickly as possible.

ENTERED THIS THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024

Rhonda Wilkins, Justice of the Peace, Pct 1

Deena Lucero, Justice of the Peace, Pct 2

Pamela Haseloff, Justice of the Peace, Pct 3