



Miller Crematory

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Miller Crematory requires that the proper county authority sign an authority to cremate before cremation can take place. If the proper county authority does not sign the authorization, the family and funeral home will have to wait until the death certificate is certified to proceed with cremation. The proper county authority can sign this form if an inquest was not held and they do not oppose the cremation. This will allow the family and the funeral home to proceed with cremation without having to wait for the death certificate, which can take up to three weeks or more to get certified.

Texas Administrative Code, Title 22, Part 10, Chapter 205, Rule 205.11 Prerequisites for Cremation

Three documents are required to cremate deceased human remains:

- (1) a cremation authorization form signed by the person responsible for making arrangements for final disposition;
- (2) a death certificate or **other death record indicating that the deceased human remains may be cremated;** and
- (3) a burial transit permit as required by 25 TAC §181.2.

Code of Criminal Procedure. Title 1. Chapter 49. Subchapter A. Duties Performed by Justices of the Peace. Art. 49.09. Body Disinterred or Cremated. (b) A person may not cremate or direct the cremation of a body subject to investigation under Article 49.04 unless the body is identified and the person has received from the justice of the peace a certificate signed by the justice stating that:

- (1) an autopsy was performed on the body under Article 49.10 of this code; or
- (2) no autopsy was necessary.

(c) An owner or operator of a crematory shall retain a certificate received under Subsection (b) of this article for a period of 10 years from the date of cremation of the body named on the certificate.

Name of Decedent

Date of Death

Place of Death

Name of Funeral Home

The attending physician is signing the death certificate; therefore I did not request an inquest of the death of the above named decedent. The Funeral Home and Miller Crematory may proceed with cremation with the authorizing agent's authority and a burial transit permit.

Date

Printed Name of County Authority

Title of County Authority

Signature of County Authority