

# CREMATION AND DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION

TO:

**Maple Ridge Crematorium**  
 11969 – 216<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Maple Ridge, BC  
 V2X 5H9

**Name of Deceased:**

**Date of Death:**

**Time of Death:**

**Place of Death:**

**Description of Container:**

**Birth Place:**

**Birth Date:**

I CERTIFY that I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the deceased, and that under the "order of priority" provisions of section 5 of the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act, I have the right to, and do hereby, authorize the cremation of the deceased and the disposition of the cremated remains, subject to the Act, the regulations, and the Bylaws of the Crematorium. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Crematorium and the Funeral Provider, their officers and employees, from any liability, costs, expenses or claims resulting from this cremation and disposition authorization. (See section 5, printed on the next page).

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| 1. I have read and understand the disclosure information on the next page regarding the cremation process.  |  | Initials _____   |
| 2. I have been offered the opportunity to personally identify the deceased and accept full responsibility for the identification, or for waiving the identification.  |  | Initials _____   |
| 3. I understand that if I have not made provisions for the disposition of the cremated remains, within one year of this contract, the funeral home will dispose of the cremated remains in a way that is acceptable to the Registrar without further notification.  |  | Initials _____   |
| 4. I understand that, because of the nature of the cremation process, any jewelry or other valuables remaining with the body will be destroyed and unrecoverable; my instructions regarding any removal are indicated at right.   |  | REMOVE<br>VALUABLES      YES      NO<br>Removed by _____     |
| 5. I understand surgically implanted devices (pacemaker, etc.) because of the danger of explosion, constitute a hazard to equipment and employees. I have indicated at right if any device is present and instruct the funeral director to remove same prior to cremation. I am liable for any damage or injury if I fail to disclose presence of any device. |  | IMPLANT<br>DEVICE            YES      NO<br>Removed by _____ |
| 6. I understand I must declare if the deceased had a communicable disease at time of death; and have indicated at right.  |  | COMMUNICABLE<br>DISEASE          YES      NO                 |

**Cremated Remains are to be:**

Return to the funeral provider

BURQUITLAM FUNERAL CHAPEL LTD.  
 625 North Rd., Coquitlam, B.C. V3J 1P2

Other

\_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the cremated remains and death certificates and/or copies of the above-named deceased on my behalf. Dated at Coquitlam, British Columbia on \_\_\_\_\_.

**FUNERAL DIRECTOR**

I have explained this form, witnessed the signature, and will see to any removals as directed; the casket/container is free of any extraneous material.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Director Signature)

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**Phone: (604) 936-9987 / Fax: (604) 936-6912**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of person giving authorization)

Name:

Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Phone:

## DISCLOSURES

(These disclosures should be read in conjunction with the terms on the previous page of this Authorization Form and section 5 of the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act

Cremations and the disclosures made in this Authorization Form, are governed by the provisions of the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act and its Regulations.

Cremation is a process by which, through intense heat and flame at a temperature between 870 and 1035 C (1600-1900 F), human remains are reduced to elemental bone fragments, weighing approximately 4 kg (approximately 6-9 pounds).

In this Form, "operator" means the person (company, society, board, etc.) owning, controlling or managing a Crematorium or Cemetery, and includes its agents and employees.

For cremation purposes, human remains must be encased in a suitable "container"; this may be a casket (if not made of metal or fiberglass) or some other self contained receptacle or enclosure made of a rigid material that is of sufficient strength to hold and conveniently transport or move human remains, but does not include a receptacle or enclosure made of plastic or similar substance, or a pouch or bag.

The container in which human remains are placed for cremation is consumed in the cremation process. However, since certain portions from the exterior of the container (such as handles, nails, etc.) are non-combustible and may cause damage to the cremation equipment, these may be removed by the crematorium prior to the cremation, destroyed and disposed of in an approved manner.

Upon completion of the cremation, all of the contents of the cremation chamber, insofar as possible, will be carefully removed and held separately; while every effort will be made to avoid commingling, inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremations is a possibility, and is hereby sanctioned.

Since the contents, when removed, will contain non-combustible items from the container, such as hinges, latches, nails, etc., these will be removed by visible or magnetic selection, or a combination of both and, along with any other foreign materials (such as prosthesis, etc.) will be disposed of in an approved manner.

Unless otherwise directed, the cremated remains will be reduced by mechanical processing into unidentifiable dimensions; where the cremated remains are not to be mechanically processed, they will be reduced manually to a size permitting their placement in a receptacle.

Upon completion of the reduction, the cremated remains will be placed in the crematorium's receptacle or other receptacle provided by the person authorizing the cremation. Should the volume of the cremated remains exceed the capacity of the receptacle, the excess will be placed in a separate receptacle.

Where the person authorizing the cremation has given instructions for the disposition of the cremated remains, these will be carried out by the crematorium or funeral provider, as applicable, if it is legally within their power to do so and all necessary arrangements have been made and applicable charges paid.

Cremated remains, unclaimed for one year from the date of this Authorization, may be permanently disposed of in an approved manner without further notification.

Where authorization is given for scattering of the cremated remains in an approved scattering garden, this authorization sanctions any resulting commingling with other cremated remains in the garden.

Cremated remains may not be scattered or otherwise disposed of in any public area or on private property without permission from the owner of the property.

## THE CREMATION, INTERMENT AND FUNERAL SERVICES ACT:

### Control of disposition

5. (1) The right of a person to control the disposition of the human remains of a deceased vests in and devolves on that person in the following order of priority:
- the personal representative named in the will of the deceased.
  - the spouse of the deceased if living with the deceased at the time of death or a person who was living with the deceased as husband or wife for a continuous period of not less than 2 years;
  - an adult child of the deceased;

- an adult grandchild of the deceased;
- if the deceased was a minor, a person who was a legal guardian of the person of the deceased at the time of death;
- a parent of the deceased;
- an adult sibling of the deceased;
- an adult nephew or niece of the deceased;
- an adult next of kin of the deceased, determined on the basis provided by sections 89 and 90 of the Estate Administration Act;
- the minister under the Employment and Assistance Act or, if the official administrator under the estate Administration Act is administering the estate of the deceased under the Act, the official administrator;
- an adult person having a personal or kinship relationship with the deceased, other than those referred to in paragraphs (b) to (d) and (f) to (i). **Adult is 19 years old**

(2) If the person at the top of the order of priority set out in subsection (1) is unavailable or is unwilling to give instructions, that right passes to the person who is next in priority.

(3) If under subsection (1) the right to control the disposition of human remains passes to person of equal rank, the order of priority

- is determined in accordance with an agreement between or among them, or
- in the absence of an agreement referred to in paragraph (a) begins with the eldest person in that rank and descend in order of age.

(4) A person claiming that he or she should be given the sole right to control the disposition of the human remains or cremated remains may apply to the Supreme Court for an order regarding that right.

### Requirement for authorization before funeral services or disposition

8. (1) No funeral provider shall provide funeral services and no operator shall inter or cremate human remains unless the funeral provider or operator has received written authorization from the person who under section 5 has the right to control the disposition of the human remains.

(2) Despite subsection (1), a funeral provider may accept an authorization by telephone to commence funeral services, but shall not dispose of the human remains until the funeral provider receives the written authorization required by subsection (1).

### Protection from Liability

9. If (a) there is an error or omission in an authorization provided under section 8 to an operator or a funeral provider, or

(b) the person who signed an authorization provided under section 8 did not have the authority to give directions set out in the authorization.

10. before human remains are cremated, a funeral provider, or an operator of a crematorium to which human remains have been brought, may require visual identification of the human remains

- by the person providing authorization under section 8 for the disposition of the human remains, or
- by another person who is qualified to identify the human remains

### Presenting human remains for cremation

12. A person must not present human remains for cremation unless the remains are enclosed in a container that

- is of sufficient strength to hold and conveniently transfer the remains,
- prevents the remains from posing a health hazard, and
- meets the requirements set out in the regulations.

### Minimum period after death

13. (1) No operator shall cremate human remains within 48 hours after the time of death unless the operator is ordered to do so by a medical health officer under the Health Act.

(2) Subject to section 50, an operator shall cremate human remains as soon as practicable after the expiration of the 48 hours referred to in subsection (1).

**(Section 50 states: "No person shall inter or cremate human remains unless the human remains are accompanied by a burial permit issued by a district registrar of vital statistics under the Vital Statistics Act.")**