

Procedures for 48 Hour Cremation Waiver

At this difficult time resulting from the loss of a loved one, sometimes the family must make arrangements for the disposition of the remains. We feel that a licensed funeral director is best trained and equipped to help you with this difficult task in your time of need. For those who choose cremation, please note that **NO CREMATION ORDER IS NECESSARY** for deaths that occurred more than 48 hours prior to cremation..However, if less than 48 hours has passed, state law requires a waiver signed by the Justice of the Peace. Texas Health & Safety Code 716.004 requires JPs and Medical Examiners to publish a procedure for the public to apply for a waiver for the 48 hour wait time for cremation of remains

Application for a waiver of the 48 hour wait time must be made to a Justice of the Peace.

This should be directed to the Justice of the Peace who made the death call and is conducting the inquest. If they are unavailable, then the on-call JP can help. Call the Sheriff's Department dispatcher and ask them which JP made the death call and conducted the inquest on the decedent. If during business hours, you may contact that JP directly. If outside of business hours, you can ask the dispatcher to contact the on-call JP and ask them to contact you.

The Bandera County Sheriff's Office administrative telephone number is 830 796 4323

Contact information for the Sheriff and each of the JP's can be found at www.banderacounty.org

You should be prepared to give the dispatcher and the judge the following information:

- Your name
- The decedent's name
- Your relationship to the decedent
- Your address
- Your telephone number(s)

The judge will then contact you and discuss your application for a 48 waiver with you.

Finally, please accept our deepest sympathies and condolences. We will do everything we can for you during this difficult time.