Leon 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 Leon County, Texas who is conducting an inquest on human remains of a person who has died in Leon 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 the 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 Leon County Sheriff's Office and request the on call Judge. Upon notification of a request being made to waive the 48-hour period the Justice of the Peace shall contact the funeral or crematory establishment to inform them of procedures to process the request as quickly as possible.

Entered this 3rd day of February 2025

Jeff Carr, Justice of the Peace, Pct. One

Randee Doak, Justice of the Peace, Pct. Two

Lee Weiler, Justice of the Peace, Pct. Four