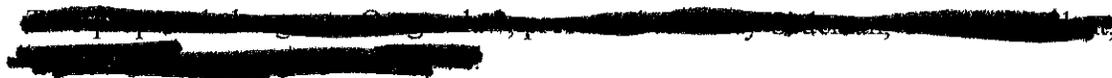


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1. A true and accurate definition of a "Funeral Home".
  - A. It is true, to license a funeral home in the state of Oregon all you need is a licensed funeral director as a manager and a facility that includes only an office and a holding facility. In referring to ORS 692.025 paragraph 3, there are four requirements two of which are mentioned above. The other two are the funeral establishment must be licensed by the state and the facility must have access to hospital or mortuary refrigeration (no specifics on distance or time to refrigeration is given).
  - B. ORS 692.010 the general definitions used in the chapter does not include a definition for a "funeral Home" yet the public most often uses these words to describe a funeral establishment.
  - C. ORS 692 continually refers to a "funeral establishment" but the term is not included in its list of general definitions.
  - D. "Immediate Disposition Company" is defined in ORS 692
  - E. ORS 692 should be changed or amended to include an accurate definition of a funeral home or funeral establishment. An office with a holding room is not a funeral home. The public's perception of a funeral home is what matters. Oregon laws are designed in part to protect the public. The public is currently be misled by false advertising in respect to the inaccurate definition of a funeral home. A facility with only an office and holding facility cannot conduct an embalming, restoration of remains, bathing and other proper treatments for viewing. The facility does not contain proper facilities for viewing or the place for a ceremony. It does not have restrooms, arrangement offices or even an area to display caskets or other funeral related merchandise or any inventory.
  - F. Currently there is very little or any difference between a "direct disposition company" and a "funeral establishment"
2. Include a disposition permit to accompany cremated remains to final placement
  - A. ORS 830-011-0000 paragraph 14 defines "Disposition" Disposition is burial, entombment, burial at sea or cremation.
  - B. ORS 830-011-0000 paragraph 7 defines "Cremation" Cremation is the technical heating process that reduces human remains to bone fragments.
  - C. The state definition of cremation doesn't mention disposition!!!
  - D. Cremation is generally considered a process to prepare the human remains for disposition, cremation is not where the remains are kept or memorialized.
  - E. Most states require a permit when placing urns in cemeteries. Currently Oregon has none.
  - F. Information concerning final disposition of the cremated remains would aid families in the future who are interested in finding loved ones remains.
  - G. The disposition permit would help discourage abuses of associated with the disposal of cremated remains such as, washing-up on Oregon beaches.