



AUTHORIZATION FOR CREMATION



NOTICE: THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT PROVISIONS CONCERNING CREMATION. CREMATION IS IRREVERSABLE AND FINAL. READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

I/We, the undersigned, certify, warrant and represent that I/We have the full legal right and authority to authorize the cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of: _____ ("Deceased").

Name of Deceased

Address of Deceased: _____

Name of Funeral Home: _____ (hereinafter referred to as the "Funeral Home").

I/We hereby authorize the Funeral Home to take possession of and make arrangements for the cremation of the remains of the Deceased at **CORTEZ CREMATIONS & FUNERAL SERVICES** (hereinafter referred to as the "Crematory").

Description of urn or container selected: _____ Suitable for Shipping: ☐ YES or ☐ NO

I/We authorize the Crematory to return the cremated remains of the Deceased to the possession and custody of the Funeral Home. I/We understand that the services and obligations of the Crematory shall be fulfilled when the cremated remains of the deceased are returned to the possession and custody of the Funeral Home. I/We hereby authorize the Funeral Home to arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains of the Deceased as follows:

Is Special Handling Required? ☐ Witness Cremation ☐ ID Viewing ☐ Pacemaker ☐ Oversized ☐ Other Describe: _____

☐ Release to Family: _____

Name of Designated Family Member to Receive Cremated Remains

☐ Scattering at Sea by Funeral Home or Funeral Home's Agent: _____

☐ Acting as My/Our Agent for Shipping: _____

Name and Address of Recipient

The cremation process and disposition of the remains of the Deceased authorized herein shall be performed in accordance with all governing laws, rules, regulations, and policies of the Crematory, and the following terms and conditions. 1. The remains of the Deceased will not be accepted for cremation unless received by the Crematory in a combustible, leak resistant cremation container or casket. The Crematory is authorized to remove and dispose of handles, ornaments and any other noncombustible items attached to the cremation container or casket prior to cremation. The deceased will be cremated with any personal belongings that are received by the crematory with the body of the deceased. **The Crematory will not be responsible for the loss of belongings, prostheses, and or implanted devices that are not removed from the body prior to transport or that accompany the body during transport.** In the event the remains of the Deceased are received by the Crematory in a plastic casket or a container constructed of noncombustible materials, I/We authorize the remains of the Deceased to be removed and placed in a combustible container. I/We authorize the Crematory to dispose of any such noncombustible casket in any lawful manner it deems appropriate. (An additional disposal fee may apply.)

2. Due to the advances in medical technology the remains of some decedents may contain medical devices containing radioactive material and or ferrous and nonferrous materials. Examples of these devices are pacemakers, artificial joints, screws, plates, dental fillings, dental bridges and other foreign material. These devices may not be consumed in the cremation process and/or pose a safety hazard to the crematory operator. The Crematory after cremation may remove and dispose of such ferrous and nonferrous metal objects prior to final processing and return processed remains to the authorizing authority. In addition, the Crematory periodically cleans crematory equipment surfaces and adjacent floor areas of cremation processing residue and dust created during the cremation process. This material is retained in a dedicated container and periodically scattered. **Note:** Pacemakers and or other radioactive devices must be removed prior to the receipt of the remains by the Crematory. **I/WE CERTIFY THAT THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED ☐ DO OR ☐ DO NOT CONTAIN ANY TYPE OF PACEMAKER OR OTHER RADIOACTIVE DEVICE. (Please Check One and Initial Here _____) Implanted Devices: _____**

3. Unless an urn or cremated remains container suitable for shipment is purchased, the Crematory will place the cremated remains of the Deceased in a cremated remains container. 4. I/We understand that Cremation means the reduction of the body of the deceased person by incineration and necessary processing. "The human body burns with the casket, container, or other material in the cremation chamber. Some bone fragments are not combustible at the incineration temperature and, as a result, remain in the cremation chamber. During the cremation the contents of the chamber may be moved to facilitate incineration. The chamber is composed of ceramic and other material which disintegrates slightly during each cremation and the product of that disintegration is commingled with the cremated remains. Nearly all of the contents of the cremation chamber, consisting of the cremated remains, disintegrated chamber material, and small amounts of residue from previous cremations, are removed together and crushed, pulverized, or ground to facilitate inurnment or scattering. Some residue remains in the cracks and uneven places of the chamber. Periodically the accumulation of this residue is removed and interred in a dedicated cemetery property or scattered at sea."

5. The cremation and processing of the remains of the Deceased will not be performed in accordance with any particular religious or ethnic customs. The Crematory will perform the cremation at its discretion and according to its time schedule.

6. In the event the cremated remains of the Deceased remain unclaimed for a period of 30 days, the Authorizing Authority will be notified by certified mail at the informant address indicated on the Application and Permit for Disposition of Human Remains. I/We agree that in the event the cremated remains of the Deceased remain unclaimed, for a period 60 days after the date such written notification is mailed, that the Crematory is authorized and directed to dispose of the unclaimed cremated remains of the Deceased in any lawful manner.

7. I/We agree to indemnify, release and hold the Crematory, its agents, employees, and assigns harmless from any and all loss, damages, liability, or cause of action (including attorneys' fees and expenses of litigation) in connection with the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains of the Deceased, as authorized herein, or My/Our failure to correctly identify the remains of the Deceased, disclose the presence of any implanted mechanical or radioactive devices, to take possession of, or make permanent arrangements for the disposition of such remains. No Warranties expressed or implied are made and damages shall be limited to the cremation fee paid.

8. Entire Agreement – This Contract contains the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and merges, and supersedes all prior representations and discussions pertaining to the Contract. Any changes, exceptions, or different terms and conditions proposed by the Authorizing Authority are hereby rejected. This agreement interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Venue for any action brought by either party to enforce any terms of this agreement shall be in San Diego County, at the option of Cortez Cremations & Funeral Services.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON(S) AUTHORIZING FOR CREMATION AND DISPOSITION

I/We warrant that all representations and statements made herein are true and correct.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Signature of Funeral Home Representative: _____ Date: _____