

PROPOSED REVISIONS

11/24/2025

 ORANGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS	No.: 11.01.01
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Title: BURIAL AND CREMATION SERVICE	Page 1 of 2

I. POLICY

Orange County provides burial and cremation services in accordance with Florida Statutes by contracting for the ~~burial and~~ cremation of unclaimed and indigent bodies. The coordination of ~~burial and~~ cremation services shall be handled through the Orange County Health ~~& Family~~ Services Department.

The Health ~~& Family~~ Services Department shall make reasonable efforts to locate any of the decedent's relatives and a diligent search will be made to identify assets of the deceased to pay for costs associated with the final deposition of the body. Unless waived by the Health ~~& Family~~ Services Department Director or designee, only the bodies of persons who die in Orange County shall be considered to be the responsibility of Orange County.

Unless otherwise directed by the Medical Examiner's Office, all unclaimed bodies, except for those unidentified, will be cremated and the cremains will be buried. ~~Should relatives of the deceased oppose cremation, they will be allowed to pay Orange County the additional cost incurred by the County for burial, unless such costs are waived by the Director of the Health & Family Services Department or designee.~~

The Health ~~& Family~~ Services Department Director or designee shall have the authority to develop appropriate procedures regarding the ~~burial and/or~~ cremation of bodies that are the responsibility of Orange County and to make exceptions to this administrative regulation, when it is deemed to be in the best interest of Orange County and not in conflict with Florida Statutes.

The Health ~~& Family~~ Services Department will be responsible for arranging maintenance and upkeep services for Orange County controlled cemeteries, according to the standards established by the Department.



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II. PROCEDURES

The Health & Family Services Department will maintain internal operational procedures for implementation of this administrative regulation and for working with contractors, the community, other Orange County departments, state agencies, and other interested parties.

A. MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE: The Orange County Medical Examiner's Office will refer unclaimed bodies to the designated contract provider according to the procedures established with the Medical Examiner's Office, the Health & Family Services Department and the contract provider.

B. OVERSIGHT AND RECORDS: The Health & Family Services Department will provide oversight for the fiscal management, operational activities, and program records.

C. STATE ANATOMICAL BOARD: Unclaimed bodies meeting the requirements of the Anatomical Board of the State of Florida shall be offered to the Anatomical Board as required by Florida Statutes.

D. CLAIMING A BODY: Nothing in this regulation nor in the procedures promulgated hereunder shall prevent relatives from taking responsibility for a body at any time, in accordance with Florida Statutes.

E. DISINTERMENT: Relatives requesting disinterment from an Orange County controlled cemetery may be charged reasonable fees to cover all costs associated with said removal.

F. MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY CEMETERIES: The Health & Family Services Department shall ensure appropriate appearance and maintenance of all Orange County controlled cemeteries, including, but not limited to, grounds keeping, placement of markers, signage, and security.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Youth & Family Health Services
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REFERENCE: Chapters 406, 470 and 497, Florida Statutes