

Environmental Public Health (Funeral Parlours) Regulations

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ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (CHAPTER 95, SECTION 113)

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH (FUNERAL PARLOURS) REGULATIONS

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Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Environmental Public Health (Funeral Parlours) Regulations.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“body” means the dead body of a human being but does not include the skeletal remains of the body or the ashes thereof;

“caretaker” means a person appointed by the licensee to take charge of a funeral parlour;

“inspecting officer” means an inspecting officer who is authorised under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act (Cap. 267) to certify the cause of death of any deceased person;

“licence” means a licence issued under section 67 of the Act;

“licensee” means a holder of a licence;

“registered medical practitioner” means a person registered or deemed to be registered under the Medical Registration Act (Cap. 174).

Inspection of funeral parlour

3.—(1) The Commissioner or a medical officer of health or public health officer may —

- (a) at any time enter and inspect a funeral parlour;
- (b) examine any book or register or any other document relating to the funeral parlour; and
- (c) require from the licensee or caretaker of such funeral parlour or any other person such information as he may consider necessary to determine whether the funeral parlour has been established and used, managed, maintained or operated in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these Regulations.

(2) Every such officer mentioned in paragraph (1) may make or cause to be made copies of or extracts from such book, register or document.

(3) The licensee or caretaker or any other person who, being required by such officer under paragraph (1) to furnish information, fails without reasonable excuse to comply with such requisition shall be guilty of an offence.

Applications for licences

4.—(1) Every applicant for a licence shall state the name, address and identity card number of the applicant.

(2) A licensee shall surrender his licence upon its expiry, revocation, cancellation or suspension to a public officer authorised in writing in that behalf by the Commissioner.

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(3) The fee for the grant or renewal of a licence for a period of one year shall be \$120.

Access to funeral parlour and facilities

5.—(1) No part of the premises used as a funeral parlour shall have direct access to any premises used for any other purpose.

(2) Every funeral parlour shall be provided with adequate and functional toilet facilities and facilities for washing.

Lighting and ventilation

6.—(1) Adequate lighting shall be provided in a funeral parlour.

(2) The rooms of a funeral parlour shall be adequately ventilated and extractor fans and other devices for ventilating the rooms shall be installed therein.

Embalming rooms

7. Every room used for the purpose of embalming or preparing any corpse for burial, cremation or putting any corpse into a coffin shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) a floor of at least 3m x 1.5m in area shall be provided for each embalming or a table of such area shall be provided in such room;
- (b) the surface of the floor shall be made of a smooth impervious material and the area where the walls meet the floor shall be rounded off;
- (c) the floor shall be sufficiently graded so that all moisture may drain into a gully trap which shall lead into a sewer;