



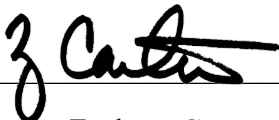
**Judge Zachary Carter**  
**Justice of the Peace Bastrop County Precinct 2**  
P.O. Box 5 Smithville, Texas 512-581-7112

**Cremation Authorization Request Policy**

In accordance with §716.004 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the following policy has been adopted by this court to request cremation of human remains within the 48-hour period following the time of death indicated on the death certificate.

Requests for a waiver of the 48-hour waiting period for cremation shall be submitted via email at any time to [Zachary.carter@co.bastrop.tx.us](mailto:Zachary.carter@co.bastrop.tx.us) or hand delivered during business hours to the office at 1624 NE Loop 230 Smithville, TX 78957. The request must include the requestor's name, and business name if a funeral home or crematory, the decedent's name, and the date of death.

Signed and effective this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2025.

  
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Judge Zachary Carter

IN THE MATTER OF

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IN THE JUSTICE COURT SITTING

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AS A COURT OF INQUEST

PRECINCT 2

DECEASED

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BASTROP COUNTY, TX

**CREMATION AUTHORIZATION**

Came on to be heard an inquest into the death of \_\_\_\_\_, deceased, held on \_\_\_\_\_. It is the law of the State of Texas that 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 accordance with the *Health and Safety Code* § 716.004. Deceased's time of death was \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. The court has been asked by \_\_\_\_\_, a crematory establishment, to provide such waiver to allow Deceased's remains to be cremated, and the request is hereby: (check one)

☐ granted

☐ denied

The body of the Deceased may be cremated as permitted by Chapter 716 of the Health and Safety Code.

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the judge of the above-named court this day of

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ZACHARY CARTER  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 2  
BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS

