

481—901.5(156) Funeral establishment license or cremation establishment license.

901.5(1) A place of business devoted to providing any aspect of mortuary science or cremation services will hold an establishment license issued by the board. An establishment license will not be issued more than 30 days prior to the opening of a new establishment.

a. A funeral establishment or a cremation establishment will not be operated until it has obtained a license from the board. Each establishment will timely renew the license in order to continue operations.

b. A funeral or cremation establishment will surrender its license to the board if the establishment fails to engage in or ceases to engage in the business for which the license was issued, pursuant to Iowa Code section 156.15(2)“*d.*”

c. A funeral or cremation establishment license is not transferable or assignable.

d. A change in ownership will require the issuance of a new license. A change in ownership will be reported to the board prior to the date ownership will change or, in the case of change of ownership by death or other unexpected event, within 30 days following change of ownership. The board may request legal proof of the ownership transfer.

e. An establishment license will be issued for a specific physical location. A change in location or site of an establishment will require the submission of an application for a new license and payment of the fee required by 481—subrule 507.9(9). A new establishment license must be issued prior to the commencement of business in a new location.

f. A change in the name of an establishment will be reported to the board within 30 days. The establishment owner will pay the fee for reissuing the license.

g. A change in address or of the funeral director in responsible charge will be reported to the board within 30 days.

h. An establishment will have an employment or other relationship with one or more licensed funeral directors who will perform all mortuary science services for which licensure as a funeral director is required by Iowa Code chapter 156. A cremation establishment is not, however, required to employ or contract with a funeral director on an ongoing basis because a cremation establishment will not offer services directly to the general public. When a funeral establishment has an employment or other relationship with multiple funeral directors, the funeral establishment will designate the funeral director who will be in responsible charge of all mortuary science services performed at the funeral establishment. The funeral establishment will report to the board any change of the funeral director in responsible charge within 30 days of the change.

i. The board will not routinely issue more than one establishment license for a single location, but the board may do so if the multiple applicants provide proof, satisfactory to the board, that the establishments are wholly separate except for the sharing of facilities. If the board issues more than one establishment license for a single location, the licensees will ensure that the public will not be confused or deceived as to the establishment with which the public is interacting. A facility may have a funeral establishment license and a separate cremation establishment license at a single location.

j. The establishment license will be displayed in a conspicuous place at the location of the establishment.

k. Failure to comply with any of these rules will constitute grounds for discipline pursuant to 481—Chapter 904 or civil penalties for unlicensed practice pursuant to 481—Chapter 905.

901.5(2) A funeral establishment or cremation establishment will be subject to applicable local, state and federal health and environmental requirements and will obtain all necessary licenses and permits from the agencies with jurisdiction.

901.5(3) License application. Complete an online application on the Iowa board of mortuary science website and pay the nonrefundable funeral or cremation application fee. If there is both a funeral establishment and a cremation establishment at the same location, two establishment license applications will be required, along with the payment of two establishment application fees. The application will contain all of the following:

a. The name, mailing address and telephone number of the applicant.

b. The physical location of the establishment.

c. The mailing address, telephone number, fax number and email address of the establishment.

d. The name, home address and telephone number of the individual in charge who has the authority and responsibility for the establishment's compliance with laws and rules pertaining to the operation of the establishment.

e. The name and address of all owners and managers of the establishment (e.g., sole proprietor, partner, director, officer, managing partner, member, or shareholder with 10 percent or more of the stock).

f. The legal name of the establishment and all trade names, assumed names, or other names used by the establishment.

g. The signature of the responsible authority at the site of the establishment and an acknowledgment of the funeral director in responsible charge of mortuary science services at the funeral establishment that the funeral director is aware of and consents to the designation.

h. The names and license numbers of all funeral directors employed by or associated with the establishment through contract or otherwise who provide mortuary science services at or for the establishment. When a funeral establishment has an employment or other relationship with multiple funeral directors, the funeral establishment will designate the funeral director who will have responsible charge of all mortuary science services performed at the funeral establishment. No funeral establishment will be issued a license if it fails to designate the funeral director in responsible charge of the mortuary science services to be performed at the establishment.

i. All felony or misdemeanor convictions of the applicant and all owners and managing officers of the applicant (except minor traffic offenses with fines of less than \$500).

j. All disciplinary actions against any professional or occupational license of the applicant by any jurisdiction including, but not limited to, disciplinary action by the Iowa insurance division under Iowa Code chapter 523A or 523I or action by the Federal Trade Commission.

k. Further information that the board may reasonably require, such as whether the establishment includes a preparation room.

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