

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3660 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Eddy Dempsey

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

PROPOSED OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 3660

By: Dempsey

PROPOSED OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.2, which relates to definitions; modifying certain terms to include natural organic reduction; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.3a, which relates to persons and businesses required to be licensed; requiring individuals engaged in cremating or natural organic reduction to be licensed; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.4, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 381, O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 396.4), which relates to fees; adding a fee for natural organic reduction facility license or renewal; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.12, which relates to inspection of premises; allowing the Oklahoma Funeral Board to inspect establishments that engage in organic reduction; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.12c, which relates to revocation or suspension of licenses; providing for revocation under certain conditions for organic reduction; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.29, which relates to certain cremation regulations; providing for the same regulations for organic reduction; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.32, which relates to the residue from cremated bodies; providing for regulations of residue from organically reduced bodies; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.33, as amended by Section 534, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 396.33), which relates to cremation without license and permit; making organic reduction without license or permit subject to felony charges; regulating the practice of natural organic reduction; requiring

1 licensure; requiring record keeping; subjecting
2 natural organic reduction facilities to inspection;
3 providing for codification; and providing an
4 effective date.
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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

7 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.2, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 396.2. As used in the Funeral Services Licensing Act:

10 1. "Embalmer" means a person who disinfects or preserves dead
11 human remains, entire or in part, by the use of chemical substances,
12 fluids or gases in the remains, or by the introduction of same into
13 the remains by vascular or hypodermic injection, or by direct
14 application into organs or cavities;

15 2. "Funeral director" means a person who:

- 16 a. is engaged in or conducts or represents themselves as
17 being engaged in preparing for the burial or disposal
18 and directing and supervising the burial or disposal
19 of dead human remains,
20 b. is engaged in or conducts or represents themselves as
21 being engaged in maintaining a funeral establishment
22 for the preparation and the disposition, or for the
23 care of dead human remains,
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- 1 c. uses, in connection with the name of the person or
2 funeral establishment, the words "funeral director" or
3 "undertaker" or "mortician" or any other title
4 implying that the person is engaged as a funeral
5 director,
6 d. sells funeral service merchandise to the public, or
7 e. is responsible for the legal and ethical operation of
8 a crematory or natural organic reduction facility;

9 3. "Funeral establishment" means a place of business used in
10 the care and preparation for burial, commercial embalming, or
11 transportation of dead human remains, or any place where any person
12 or persons shall hold forth and be engaged in the profession of
13 undertaking or funeral directing;

14 4. "Apprentice" means a person who is engaged in learning the
15 practice of embalming or the practice of funeral directing, as the
16 case may be, under the instruction and personal supervision of a
17 duly licensed embalmer or a duly licensed funeral director of and in
18 the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the provisions of the Funeral
19 Services Licensing Act, and who is duly registered as such with said
20 Board;

21 5. "Board" means the Oklahoma Funeral Board;

22 6. "Directing a funeral" or "funeral directing" means directing
23 funeral services from the time of the first call until final
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1 disposition or release to a common carrier or release to next of kin
2 of the deceased or the designee of the next of kin;

3 7. "First call" means the beginning of the relationship and
4 duty of the funeral director to take charge of dead human remains
5 and have such remains prepared by embalming, cremation, reduction,
6 or otherwise, for burial or disposition, provided all laws
7 pertaining to public health in this state are complied with. First
8 call does not include calls made by ambulance, when the person
9 dispatching the ambulance does not know whether or not dead human
10 remains are to be picked up;

11 8. "Personal supervision" means the physical presence of a
12 licensed funeral director or embalmer at the specified time and
13 place of the providing of acts of funeral service;

14 9. "Commercial embalming establishment" means a fixed place of
15 business consisting of an equipped preparation room, and other rooms
16 as necessary, for the specified purpose of performing preparation
17 and shipping services of dead human remains to funeral
18 establishments inside and outside this state;

19 10. "Funeral service merchandise or funeral services" means
20 those products and services normally provided by funeral
21 establishments and required to be listed on the General Price List
22 of the Federal Trade Commission, 15 U.S.C., Section 57a(a),
23 including, but not limited to, the sale of burial supplies and
24 equipment, but excluding the sale by a cemetery of lands or

1 interests therein, services incidental thereto, markers, memorials,
2 monuments, equipment, crypts, niches or outer enclosures;

3 11. "Outer enclosure" means a grave liner, grave box, or grave
4 vault;

5 12. "Funeral director in charge" means an individual licensed
6 as both a funeral director and embalmer designated by a funeral
7 service establishment, commercial embalming establishment, or
8 crematory who is responsible for the legal and ethical operation of
9 the establishment and is accountable to the Board;

10 13. "Authorizing agent" means a person legally entitled to
11 order the cremation, reduction, or final disposition of particular
12 human remains pursuant to Section 1151 or 1158 of Title 21 of the
13 Oklahoma Statutes;

14 14. "Cremation" means the technical process, using heat and
15 flame, or heat and pressure, that reduces human remains to essential
16 elements, including bone fragments. The ~~reduction~~ process takes
17 place through heat and evaporation. Cremation shall include, but
18 not be limited to, the processing and pulverization of the bone
19 fragments, ~~or~~ through alkaline hydrolysis. Cremation shall not
20 include organic reduction;

21 15. "Crematory" means a structure containing a furnace or
22 alkaline hydrolysis vessel or natural organic reduction vessel used
23 or intended to be used for the cremation of human remains. The term
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1 includes a facility that cremates human remains through alkaline
2 hydrolysis; ~~and~~

3 16. "Alkaline hydrolysis" means the ~~reduction~~ technical process
4 for reducing of human remains to bone fragments and essential
5 elements in a licensed crematory using heat, pressure, water and
6 base chemical agents;

7 17. "Natural organic reduction" means the contained accelerated
8 reduction and conversion of human remains to soil in a licensed
9 crematory using heat, water, and organic material;

10 18. "Natural organic reduction facilities" means a structure
11 containing equipment used or intended to be used for natural organic
12 reduction;

13 19. "Reduction" means the method of final disposition of human
14 remains by natural organic reduction. The term shall not include
15 methods defined by cremation; and

16 20. "Natural organic reduction vessel" means a specialized
17 environmentally controlled vessel that reduces human remains into
18 soil. A natural organic reduction vessel must be composed of
19 stainless steel.

20 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.3a, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 396.3a. The following persons, professions and
23 businesses shall be required to be licensed pursuant to the Funeral
24 Services Licensing Act:

1 1. Any person engaged or who may engage in:

- 2 a. the practice or profession of funeral directing,
3 cremating, natural organic reduction, or embalming,
4 b. maintaining the business of a funeral establishment or
5 commercial embalming establishment,
6 c. the sale of any funeral service merchandise, or
7 d. providing funeral services; and

8 2. Any funeral establishment or commercial embalming
9 establishment.

10 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.4, as
11 amended by Section 3, Chapter 381, O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025,
12 Section 396.4), is amended to read as follows:

13 Section 396.4. A. 1. The Oklahoma Funeral Board shall set
14 fees pursuant to rule for all licenses, registrations, examinations,
15 and renewals required by the Funeral Services Licensing Act.

16 2. Until the Oklahoma Funeral Board sets fees pursuant to rule,
17 the following shall be the fees charged for the licenses,
18 registrations, and examinations required by the Funeral Services
19 Licensing Act:

20 Funeral Director License or Renewal	\$75.00
21 Assistant Funeral Director License or Renewal	\$150.00
22 Embalmer License or Renewal	\$75.00
23 Registration for Funeral Director/Embalmer Apprentice	\$150.00
24 Extension of Funeral Director/Embalmer Apprentice	\$150.00

1	Embalmer Examination	\$100.00
2	Funeral Director Examination	\$100.00
3	State Law Examination	\$100.00
4	Funeral Establishment License or Renewal	\$250.00
5	Commercial Embalming Establishment License or Renewal	\$250.00
6	Reciprocal License for Funeral Director or Embalmer	\$150.00
7	Change of Funeral Director in Charge	\$150.00
8	Crematory License or Renewal	\$250.00
9	<u>Natural Organic Reduction Facility License or Renewal</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>

10 B. The Oklahoma Funeral Board shall assess Three Dollars
11 (\$3.00) for each disposition performed by the licensed funeral
12 establishment or commercial embalming establishment. The
13 disposition fee shall be payable upon renewal of the license as
14 provided in subsection E of this section and shall be calculated
15 from November 1 of the preceding calendar year to October 31 of the
16 current calendar year for each licensee. For purposes of this
17 subsection, "disposition" means each time the licensed establishment
18 files an original death certificate pursuant to Section 1-317 of
19 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

20 C. Fees for funeral director, embalmer, and state law
21 examinations shall be paid prior to the scheduled examination. An
22 examination fee shall not be refundable.

1 D. The Oklahoma Funeral Board is authorized to determine and
2 fix special administrative service fees. Each such fee shall not be
3 in excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

4 E. If any renewal fee required by this section is not paid on
5 or before December 31 of each year, the amount of the fee shall be
6 doubled and if the fee is not paid on or before April 30 of the
7 subsequent year, the licensee shall be in default and the license
8 shall terminate automatically.

9 F. All examinations of the Oklahoma Funeral Board shall be
10 exempt from the Oklahoma Open Records Act in order to maintain the
11 integrity of the examination process. Copies of completed
12 examinations shall only be released upon receipt of a court order
13 from a court of competent jurisdiction.

14 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.12, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 396.12. A. Any place where a person shall hold forth
17 by word or act that the person is engaged in the profession of
18 undertaking or funeral directing shall be deemed as a funeral
19 establishment and shall be licensed as such pursuant to the
20 provisions of the Funeral Services Licensing Act.

21 B. A funeral establishment shall not do business in a location
22 that is not licensed as a funeral establishment, shall not advertise
23 a service that is available from an unlicensed location, and shall
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1 advertise itself by the name that the establishment is licensed as
2 pursuant to the Funeral Services Licensing Act.

3 C. Every funeral establishment, commercial embalming
4 establishment, and crematory shall be operated by a funeral director
5 in charge. Each establishment license shall be conspicuously
6 displayed at the location.

7 D. The Oklahoma Funeral Board shall have the power to inspect
8 the premises in which funeral directing is conducted or where
9 embalming ~~or~~, cremation, or reduction is practiced or where an
10 applicant proposed to practice, and the Board is hereby empowered to
11 prescribe and endorse rules for reasonable sanitation of such
12 establishments, including necessary drainage, ventilation, and
13 necessary and suitable instruments for the business or profession of
14 embalming and funeral directing.

15 E. Any place where a person shall hold forth by word or act
16 that such person is engaged in preparing and shipping of dead human
17 remains to funeral establishments inside and outside this state
18 shall be deemed a commercial embalming establishment and shall be
19 licensed as such pursuant to the provisions of the Funeral Services
20 Licensing Act.

21 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.12c, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 396.12c. A. After notice and hearing pursuant to
24 Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act, the Oklahoma

1 Funeral Board may refuse to issue or renew, or may revoke or
2 suspend, any license or registration for any one or combination of
3 the following:

4 1. Conviction of a felony crime that substantially relates to
5 the occupation of a funeral director and poses a reasonable threat
6 to public safety;

7 2. Conviction of a misdemeanor involving funeral services;

8 3. Gross malpractice or gross incompetency, which shall be
9 determined by the Board;

10 4. False or misleading advertising as a funeral director or
11 embalmer;

12 5. Violation of any of the provisions of the Funeral Services
13 Licensing Act or any violation of Sections 201 through 231 of Title
14 8 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

15 6. Fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining a license;

16 7. Using any casket or part thereof which has previously been
17 used as a receptacle for, or in connection with, the burial or other
18 disposition of dead human remains, unless the disclosure is made to
19 the purchaser;

20 8. Violation of any rules of the Board in administering the
21 purposes of the Funeral Services Licensing Act;

22 9. Use of intoxicating liquor sufficient to produce drunkenness
23 in public, or habitual addiction to the use of habit-forming drugs
24 or either;

1 10. Solicitation of business, either personally or by an agent,
2 from a dying individual or the relatives of a dead or individual
3 with a terminal condition, as defined by the Oklahoma Advance
4 Directive Act, other than through general advertising;

5 11. Refusing to properly release a dead human body to the
6 custody of the person entitled to custody;

7 12. Violating applicable state laws relating to the failure to
8 file a death certificate, cremation or reduction permit, or
9 prearrangement or prefinancing of a funeral;

10 13. Failing to obtain other necessary permits as required by
11 law in a timely manner;

12 14. Failing to comply with the Funeral Rules of the Federal
13 Trade Commission, 15 U.S.C., Section 57a(a);

14 15. Failing to comply with any applicable provisions of the
15 Funeral Services Licensing Act at the time of issuance or renewal;

16 16. Improper issuance or renewal of a license or registration;

17 17. Violating the provisions of subsection B of Section 396.12
18 of this title regarding advertisement of services at locations not
19 licensed by the Board;

20 18. The abuse of a corpse whereby a person knowingly and
21 willfully signs a certificate as having embalmed, cremated, or
22 prepared a dead human body for disposition when, in fact, the
23 services were not performed as indicated;

1 19. Simultaneous cremating or reducing of more than one human
2 dead body without express written approval of the authorizing agent;

3 20. Cremating or reducing human remains without the permit
4 required by Section 1-329.1 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

5 21. Intentional interference with an investigation by the Board
6 or failure to allow access to funeral records during an
7 investigation or to produce records for an investigation; or

8 22. Failure to properly discharge financial obligations as
9 established by rule of the Board.

10 B. As used in this section:

11 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
12 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
13 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
14 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

15 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
16 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
17 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
18 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

19 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.29, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 396.29. A. The person charged by law with the duty of
22 burying the body of a deceased person may discharge such duty by
23 causing the body to be cremated or reduced as authorized and
24 provided for in the following sections of this ~~article~~ title, but

1 the body of a deceased person shall not be disposed of by cremation,
2 reduction, or other similar means, within the State of Oklahoma,
3 except in a crematory or natural organic reduction facility duly
4 licensed as provided for herein, and then only under a special
5 permit for cremation or reduction issued in accordance with the
6 provisions hereof.

7 B. Upon the completion of each cremation or reduction, and
8 insofar as is practicable, all of the recoverable residue of the
9 cremation or reduction process shall be removed from the crematory
10 or natural organic reduction vessel and placed in a separate
11 container so that the residue may not be commingled with the
12 cremated or reduced remains of other persons. Cremated or reduced
13 remains of a dead human shall not be divided or separated without
14 the prior written consent of the authorizing agent.

15 C. A funeral director or funeral establishment that has
16 received express written authorization for final disposition ~~or~~,
17 cremation, or reduction from the authorizing agent shall not be
18 liable if the final disposition ~~or~~, cremation, or reduction is
19 performed in accordance with the provisions of the Funeral Services
20 Licensing Act. The funeral director or funeral establishment shall
21 not be liable for following in a reasonable fashion the instructions
22 of any persons who falsely represent themselves as the proper
23 authorizing agents.

1 D. Absent the receipt of a court order or other suitable
2 confirmation of resolution, a funeral director or funeral
3 establishment shall not be liable for refusing to accept human
4 remains for final disposition ~~or~~, cremation, or reduction if the
5 funeral director or other agent of the funeral establishment:

6 1. Is aware of any dispute concerning the final disposition ~~or~~,
7 cremation, or reduction of the human remains; or

8 2. Has a reasonable basis for questioning any of the
9 representations made by the authorizing agent.

10 E. Each funeral establishment which offers or performs
11 cremations or reductions shall maintain an identification system
12 that ensures the ability of the funeral establishment to identify
13 the human remains in its possession throughout all phases of the
14 cremation or reduction process. Upon completion of the cremation or
15 reduction process, the crematory operator or reduction facility
16 operator shall attest to the identity of the cremated or reduced
17 remains and the date, time, and place the cremation or reduction
18 process occurred on a form prescribed by rule of the Oklahoma
19 Funeral Board. The form shall accompany the human remains in all
20 phases of transportation, cremation or reduction, and return of the
21 cremated or reduced remains.

22 F. The authorizing agent is responsible for the disposition of
23 the cremated or reduced remains. If, after sixty (60) calendar days
24 from the date of cremation or reduction, the authorizing agent or

1 the representative of the agent has not specified the ultimate
2 disposition or claimed the cremated or reduced remains, the funeral
3 establishment in possession of the cremated or reduced remains may
4 dispose of the cremated or reduced remains in a dignified and humane
5 manner in accordance with any state, county, or municipal laws or
6 provisions regarding the disposition of cremated or reduced remains,
7 except as provided in subsection G of this section. A record of
8 this disposition shall be made and kept by the entity making the
9 disposition. Upon the disposition of unclaimed cremated or reduced
10 remains in accordance with this subsection, the funeral
11 establishment and entity which disposed the cremated or reduced
12 remains shall be discharged from any legal obligation or liability
13 concerning the disposition of the cremated or reduced remains.

14 G. If the authorizing agent determines that the unclaimed
15 cremated or reduced remains are those of a military veteran, the
16 funeral establishment may transfer the remains to a charitable
17 organization approved by the Military Department of the State of
18 Oklahoma for the purpose of providing a dignified and honorable
19 funeral for the veteran at a veterans cemetery. The charitable
20 organization shall be listed as an exempt organization under Section
21 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c).
22 Upon the transfer of the veteran's remains to the charitable
23 organization, the funeral establishment shall be discharged from any
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1 legal obligation or liability concerning the disposition of the
2 cremated or reduced remains.

3 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.32, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 396.32. The residue resulting from the cremation or
6 reduction of the body of a deceased person may be transported in
7 this state in any manner, without any permit therefor, and may be
8 disposed of in any manner desired or directed by the person or
9 persons charged by law with the duty of burying the body.

10 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 396.33, as
11 amended by Section 534, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp.
12 2025, Section 396.33), is amended to read as follows:

13 Section 396.33. Disposing of the body of a deceased person by
14 cremation, reduction, or other similar means, within the State of
15 Oklahoma, except in a crematory or natural organic reduction
16 facility duly licensed as provided for in Section ~~25~~ 396.30 of this
17 ~~act~~ title and under a special permit for cremation or reduction
18 issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 1-329.1 of Title
19 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, is hereby declared to be a felony.

20 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 396.34 of Title 59, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. No person shall dispose of the body of any deceased person
24 by natural organic reduction or other similar means, within this

1 state, without first having obtained from the Oklahoma Funeral Board
2 an annual license to operate a natural organic reduction facility.

3 B. Application for an annual license shall be made to the
4 Executive Director of the Board upon forms prescribed and furnished
5 by the Executive Director, shall give the location of the natural
6 organic reduction facility, and any other information as the
7 Executive Director shall require, and shall be accompanied by the
8 natural organic reduction facility license fee pursuant to Section
9 396.4 of this title. A natural organic reduction facility shall not
10 be licensed separately from a funeral or commercial embalming
11 establishment but shall be licensed in conjunction with and operated
12 by a funeral service or commercial embalming establishment. Annual
13 licenses shall expire on December 31 each year, shall specify the
14 name or names of the owners of the crematory and the location
15 thereof, the funeral director in charge, and shall not be
16 transferable either as to the ownership of the natural organic
17 reduction facility, the funeral director in charge or as to the
18 location thereof. The first annual license issued for any natural
19 organic reduction facility at any location shall not be issued by
20 the Executive Director until the executive director has been
21 satisfied.

22 C. All funeral establishments performing natural organic
23 reduction facility shall have a licensed funeral director in charge.

1 D. Each funeral establishment performing reduction services
2 shall keep records as required by the Board to assure compliance
3 with all laws relating to the disposition of dead human remains and
4 shall file annually with the Board a report in the form prescribed
5 by the Board describing the operations of the licensee, including
6 the number of reductions performed, the disposition thereof, and any
7 other information that the Board may require by rule.

8 E. A funeral establishment performing reduction services shall
9 be subject to all local, state, and federal health and environmental
10 requirements and shall obtain all necessary licenses and permits
11 from the Oklahoma Funeral Board, and the appropriate federal and
12 state health and environmental authorities.

13 F. All natural organic reduction facilities shall be subject to
14 inspection, at all reasonable times, by the Board or its duly
15 authorized agents or employees.

16 G. License Required. A dead human body may only undergo
17 natural organic reduction in the State of Oklahoma at a natural
18 organic reduction facility licensed by the Oklahoma Funeral Board.

19 H. General Requirements. Any building to be used as a natural
20 organic reduction facility must comply with all applicable local and
21 state building codes, zoning laws, and ordinances and environmental
22 standards. A natural organic reduction facility must have on site:

23 1. A natural organic reduction system capable of reducing human
24 remains through natural organic reduction, which includes:

- a. an identification system that maintains a secure chain of custody and prevents commingling throughout the process,
- b. a vessel that can reach a minimum one hundred thirty-one degrees (131°) Fahrenheit temperature for seventy-two (72) consecutive hours to destroy pathogens,
- c. a vessel monitoring system to ensure those temperature thresholds are met;

2. A motorized mechanical device for processing the remains in reduction; and

3. A refrigerated holding facility for the retention of dead human bodies awaiting natural organic reduction.

The holding facility must be secure from access by anyone except the authorized personnel of the natural organic reduction facility, preserve the dignity of the remains, and protect the health and safety of the natural organic reduction facility personnel. The room where human remains are prepared for natural organic reduction must be private and must not have a general passageway through it. All windows or other openings to the outside must be treated in a manner that prevents viewing into the room where the deceased will be prepared for natural organic reduction. A window for authorized family members or their designees is not a violation of this section.

1 The room must, at all times, be secure from the entrance of
2 unauthorized persons. Authorized persons are:

- 3 a. licensed funeral directors or natural organic
4 reduction facility operators,
- 5 b. registered apprentices,
- 6 c. public officials or representatives in the discharge
7 of their official duties,
- 8 d. the person or persons with the right to control the
9 disposition of the deceased,
- 10 e. other individuals authorized by the authorizing agent
11 or if accompanied by an authorized person.

12 I. Any room where the body is prepared for natural organic
13 reduction must be properly lit and ventilated with an exhaust fan.
14 It must be equipped with a functional sink with running hot and cold
15 water. It must have nonporous flooring, such that a sanitary
16 condition is provided. The walls and ceiling must be covered with
17 tile, or by plaster or sheetrock painted with washable paint or
18 other appropriate material, such that a sanitary condition is
19 provided. The doors, walls, ceiling, and windows must be constructed
20 to prevent odors from entering other parts of the building.

21 J. All licensed natural organic reduction facilities shall
22 develop, implement, and maintain an identification procedure whereby
23 dead human bodies can be identified from the time the natural
24 organic reduction facility accepts delivery of the body until the

1 reduced remains are released to an authorized party. After
2 reduction, an identifying disk, tab, or other permanent label shall
3 be placed within the reduced remains container or containers before
4 the remains are released from the natural organic reduction
5 facility. Each identification disk, tab, or label shall have a
6 number that shall be recorded on all paperwork regarding the
7 decedent. This procedure shall be designed to reasonably ensure
8 that the proper body is reduced and that the remains are returned to
9 the appropriate party.

10 K. The natural organic reduction facility must:

11 1. Ensure that the material in the natural organic reduction
12 vessel naturally reaches and maintains a minimum of one hundred
13 thirty-one degrees (131°) Fahrenheit for a minimum of seventy-two
14 (72) consecutive hours during the process of reduction;

15 2. Ensure reduced remains have less than one-hundredth (.01)
16 milligram/kilogram dry weight of any physical contaminants;

17 3. Collect material samples for analysis that are
18 representative of each instance of reduction, using a sample method
19 such as those described in the U.S. Composting Council 2002 Test
20 Methods for the Examination of Composting and Compost, method 02.01-
21 A through E;

22 4. Develop and use a reduction process in which the reduced
23 remains from the process do not exceed the following limits:
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- a. metal and other testing parameters limit (mg/kg dry weight), unless specified,
- b. fecal coliform less than one thousand (1,000) most probable number per gram of total solids (dry weight), or
- c. salmonella less than three (3) most probable number per four (4) grams of total solids (dry weight),
- d. cadmium less than or equal to seven and one-tenths (7.1) parts per million (ppm)
- e. lead less than or equal to one hundred fifty (150) ppm,
- f. mercury less than or equal to five (5) ppm,
- g. arsenic less than or equal to eleven (11) ppm,
- h. selenium less than or equal to eighteen (18) ppm;

5. Analyze, using a third-party laboratory, the reduction facility's material samples of reduced remains according to the following schedule:

- a. the reduction facility must analyze each of the first twenty instances of reduced remains for the parameters in section 4; if any of the first twenty instances of reduced remains yield results exceeding the limits outlined above, the reduction facility must analyze each additional reduced remains until a total of twenty samples, not including those from the reduced

1 remains that were reprocessed as required by the above
2 parameters, have yielded results within the limits
3 above on initial testing,

4 b. after twenty material samples of reduced remains have
5 met the limits in the above parameters, the natural
6 reduction facility must analyze at least twenty-five
7 percent (25%) of the reduction facility's monthly
8 reduced remains are found to meet the limits, not
9 including any samples that required reprocessing to
10 meet those limits, and after eighty material samples
11 of the reduced remains are found to meet the limits in
12 the above parameters the reduction facility must
13 analyze one randomly chose instance of reduced remains
14 each month form the parameters above. If fecal
15 coliform or salmonella in the tested reduced remains
16 exceeds the limit for that substance the reduction
17 facility must analyze subsequent instance of reduced
18 remains for fecal coliform and salmonella until ten
19 total material samples are found to meet the limits in
20 the above parameters on initial testing, demonstrating
21 the reduction process was effectively corrected;

22 6. Comply with any testing requirements established by the
23 Oklahoma Funeral Board for content parameters in addition to those
24 specified;

1 7. Not release any reduced remains that exceed the parameters;
2 and

3 8. Prepare, maintain, and provide to the Oklahoma Funeral
4 Board, upon request, a report for each calendar year detailing the
5 reduction facility's activities during the previous calendar year.
6 The report must include the following information:

- 7 a. the name and address of the reduction facility,
- 8 b. the calendar year covered by the report,
- 9 c. the body intake log of reduced remains,
- 10 d. the results of any laboratory analyses of reduced
11 remains, and
- 12 e. any additional information required by the Oklahoma
13 Funeral Board.

14 L. The reduction facility shall provide for the removal and
15 disposition of any accumulated residue from any reduction vessel,
16 mechanical processor, or other equipment used in the reduction.

17 M. Every reduction facility shall create and maintain on its
18 premises or other business location in Oklahoma an accurate record
19 of every reduction provided. The record shall include all of the
20 following information for each reduction:

21 1. The name of the person or funeral establishment delivering
22 the remains for reduction;

23 2. The name of deceased and the identification number assigned
24 to the remains;

1 3. The date of delivery;

2 4. The names of the operator of reduction process and
3 mechanical processor operator;

4 5. The times and date that the remains were removed from the
5 reduction vessel;

6 6. The time, date, and manner of release of the reduced
7 remains;

8 7. The name and address of the person who signed the
9 authorization for reduction; and

10 8. All supporting documentation, including any transit or
11 medical examiner's permit, the authorization for the reduction.

12 All records shall be maintained for a period of five (5)
13 calendar years after the release of the reduced remains. At the end
14 of this period and subject to any other laws requiring retention of
15 records, the reduction facility may destroy the records by any
16 manner that protects the privacy of the individuals identified.

17 SECTION 10. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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