

# Franklin County Coroner's Office

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## ***Objection to Autopsy Procedure Religious/Cultural Reasons***

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Address

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Date

To: Coroner's Office  
Franklin County, Ohio

Subject: Request for Waiver of Franklin County Coroner's Office  
Statutory right to conduct the usual autopsy on the body of  
\_\_\_\_\_ and release of Franklin County  
from all financial responsibilities deriving therefrom.

I \_\_\_\_\_, the lawful power of attorney/next of kin representing the estate of the above-named deceased, urgently request an autopsy not be conducted on the subject deceased. There is allegation of objection to the usual autopsy procedure on religious/cultural grounds, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 313.13.1, and strongly oppose the performance of this procedure on those grounds.

It is our understanding that as a result of this request, the Franklin County Coroner's Office shall not be considered responsible for failure to complete its responsibilities to accurately certify the cause and circumstances of death except as may be provided by investigation and a limited examination of the remains. It is also our understanding that Franklin County shall not be held financially responsible for any loss which might accrue to us or the estate of the deceased deriving from failure to conduct the usual autopsy procedure pursuant to this request.

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Lawful Power of attorney/Next of Kin

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Identification provided

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Date signed

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Witness

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Lawful Power or attorney/Next of Kin

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Identification provided

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Date signed

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