

## **TAMAULIPAS REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES ON DEATH CASES**

The State of Tamaulipas, Mexico does not have an official morgue. Instead, the government has an agreement with local funeral homes that function as morgues for all death cases. State regulations do not specify a term for interment, and funeral homes may keep the remains for varying amounts of time, depending on if the body is embalmed.

The two funeral homes that work with the state government as morgues in Nuevo Laredo are:

### **Funeraria Valdez**

2161 Campeche

Phone: 011-52-867-719-0402 (dialing from the U.S.)

### **Funeraria La Paz**

3352 Francisco I. Madero

Phone: 011-52-867-712-0212 (dialing from the U.S.)

## **CREMATION**

Cremation costs are approximately \$1,000.00 USD, which includes processing the proper documentation (death registration, death certificate, and the permit from Secretary of Health). The remains are preserved in a simple plastic container. If the family wants a different type of container, they may purchase one separately. The funeral home can ship the ashes through the services of a courier company, for which the family would incur an additional cost.

## **SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE U.S.**

The best option for shipments of remains to the United States is to contact a funeral home located in Laredo, Texas, who can then work with the funeral home in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico throughout the entire process. Once the remains are in Texas, they can be transferred to any city in the United States. Mexican funeral homes charge approximately \$1,200.00 USD, which includes a simple casket, embalming, documentation, and shipment to Texas.

For this purpose, below is a list with the contact information of several funeral homes in Laredo, Texas:

**South Texas Mortuary & Cremation**

3718 Santa Ursula Avenue  
(956) 796-1355

**Hillside Funeral Home**

www.hillsidefuneral.com  
310 West Hillside Road  
(956) 724-6060

**Joe Jackson Height Funeral Home**

www.joejacksonfuneralchapels.com  
719 North Loring Avenue  
(956) 722-0001

**Joe Jackson Heights Funeral**

www.joejacksonfuneralchapels.com  
1900 Springfield Aveune  
(956) 726-0002

**Buitro Funeral Homes**

4502 Thomas Avenue  
(956) 723-3611

**EXHUMATION REGULATIONS**

Remains buried in Tamaulipas can be exhumed up to six years after interment.

**AUTOPSIES**

The District Attorney's office is in charge of ordering an autopsy, depending on the case. If the person dies of natural causes in a hospital, the autopsy is not necessary, unless demanded by the family. If a person dies in a hospital as consequence of a crime, the autopsy is obligatory. All deaths that occur in a public space will involve the prosecutor, who will order the autopsy.

## **COAHUILA REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES ON DEATH CASES**

The State of Coahuila, Mexico, has an official morgue named SEMEFO (Servicio Medico Forense), which may keep the remains for three days without embalming. After that, the remains would have to be buried in a pauper's grave or a graveyard for unclaimed remains.

### **CREMATION**

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### **SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE U.S.**

The best option for shipments of remains to the United States is to contact a funeral home located in Eagle Pass or Del Rio, Texas, who can then work with the funeral home in Mexico throughout the entire process. Once the remains are in Texas, they can be transferred to any city in the United States. Mexican funeral homes charge approximately \$1,200.00 USD, which includes a simple casket, embalming, documentation, and shipment to Texas.

For this purpose, below is a list with the contact information of several funeral homes in Eagle Pass and Del Rio, Texas:

#### **EAGLE PASS, TX**

##### **Memorial Funeral Chapels**

1705 Del Rio Boulevard  
(830) 773-9591

##### **Yeager Barrera Mortuary**

1613 Del Rio Boulevard  
(830) 773-3211

##### **Eagle Pass Monuments**

1807 East Main Street  
(830) 773-0023

**Riojas Funeral Home**  
1451 South Veterans Boulevard  
(830) 773-4040

**Fagala Services**  
4233 Deer Run Boulevard  
(830) 757-0423

## **DEL RIO, TX**

**Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral**  
2020 North Bedell Avenue  
(830) 778-2020

**G W Cox Memorial Funeral Home**  
114 Fletcher Drive  
(830) 775-2000

**Don's Funeral Chapels**  
307 Plaza Aveune  
(830) 775-2626

**Del Rio Funeral Home**  
200 East Garfield Street  
(830) 775-2222

**Robles Mortuary**  
2020 North Bedell Avenue  
(830) 778-2020

**John Glenn Home**  
110 John Glenn Drive  
(830) 774-3904

## **EXHUMATION REGULATIONS**

Remains buried in Coahuila can be exhumed up to five years after interment.

## **AUTOPSIES**

The District Attorney's office is in charge of ordering an autopsy, depending on the case. If the person dies of natural causes in a hospital, the autopsy is not necessary, unless demanded by the family. If a person dies in a hospital as consequence of a crime, the autopsy is obligatory. All deaths that occur in a public space will involve the prosecutor, who will order the autopsy.