

Chapter 5 CEMETERIES AND BURIALS*

Sec. 5-1. Licensing of undertakers.

- (a) The board of health, on or before the first day of May in each year, shall license a suitable number of undertakers, who can read and write the English language, to take charge of the funeral rites preliminary to the interment, removal or cremation of a human body.
- (b) Such licenses shall be issued under such terms and upon such conditions as the board of health may prescribe, and may be revoked at any time by the board of health when such terms or conditions or any requirements of law relative thereto have been violated by the undertaker.
- (c) An undertaker licensed under this section shall have the right to act thereunder in any city or town in the Commonwealth.

(Rev. Ords. 1976, Pt. 2, Ch. 4, § 1) Cross reference(s)--Board of health, § 10-21 et seq.; licenses and business regulations, Ch. 12.

Sec. 5-2. Burial permit.

No person shall bury or inter the body of a deceased person without having obtained a permit to do so from the board of health, who shall not grant the same unless it shall have obtained a certificate of the cause of death, signed or approved as required by law. It is hereby made the duty of the board of health to grant such permit unless cause shall appear for refusal. (Rev. Ords. 1976, Pt. 2, Ch. 4, § 2) State law reference(s)--Burial permits, M.G.L. c. 114, § 45.

Sec. 5-3. Hours for burial.

No person shall bury or inter any dead body at any time other than between sunrise and sunset, except when ordered by the board of health. (Rev. Ords. 1976, Pt. 2, Ch. 4, § 3)

Sec. 5-4. Disinternments.

No grave shall be reopened for the burial or disinternment of any dead body unless a removal permit shall have been obtained from the board of health.
(Rev. Ords. 1976, Pt. 2, Ch. 4, § 4)

Sec. 5-5. Notice of death to undertaker.

Upon the death of any person within the city, it shall be the duty of the nearest relative, or of the person in whose house the death may have occurred or any other person who may have first become informed of the event, to cause the same to be made known to an undertaker. (Rev. Ords. 1976, Pt. 2, Ch. 4, § 5)