City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health Office of the Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

From: Cheryl A. Bettigole, MD, MPH, Health Commissioner

Department of Public Health

Date: 12/19/2023

Re: Regulation Requiring a Permit for Cremation, Burial at Sea, Body Donation, or other

Non-Burial Disposition Methods Related to Deceased Persons

Implementation of the "Regulation Requiring a Permit for Cremation, Burial at Sea, Body Donation, or other Non-Burial Disposition Methods Related to Deceased Persons," that was approved by the Board of Health on 6/8/2023 with an effective date of January 1, 2024, **will be delayed**. Non-Burial Disposition Permits will not be required until the implementation date is set by the Medical Examiner's Office. The Medical Examiner's Office will publish separate notice at least 30 days prior to beginning implementation.

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