

DISINTERMENT PERMIT REQUEST

**Center for Policy Planning and Evaluation
Vital Records Division**

All disinterment permit requests to the DC Department of Health Vital Records Division will require the following:

1. A completed disinterment permit application, signed by the entitled applicant.
 - a. An application for disinterment and re-internment shall be (a) signed by the informant, next of kin or legal representative of the deceased and by the person who is in charge of the disinterment, and (b) approved by the Director of DC Health (DCMR 29-2813).
2. Supporting documentation to demonstrate the applicant's direct and tangible interest related to the decedent. Direct and tangible interest may include a letters testamentary, proof of next of kin relationship, or death record listing applicant as informant.* Without supporting documentation to demonstrate tangible interest, the applicant must have a certified court order to authorize the disinterment.
3. Physician-certified contagious disease letter (if reinterment is to occur outside the United States of America)
4. Copy of the applicant's government-issued photo ID displaying a current address**

Exceptions will be reviewed and considered by the State Registrar on a case-by-case basis. The requested exception justification must be detailed on the cemetery or funeral director's letterhead, signed and submitted with the application packet.

District of Columbia disinterment permits are signed by the DC Department of Health Director and require seven (7) business days to review and approve.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office at 202-442-9312 if you have any questions or need any further information regarding this matter.

*If death occurred in the District of Columbia, the applicant does not need to provide a copy of the death record. **A state-issued change of address card is required where the government-issued ID displays a former address.