

LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET

BYE-LAWS

relating to

**THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MORTUARY
AND POST-MORTEM ROOM**

1972

BYELAWS made under Section 198 of the Public Health Act, 1936, by the Council of the London Borough of Barnet with respect to the management of the mortuary and post-mortem room provided by them.

1. In these byelaws "the Council" means the Council of the London Borough of Barnet.
2. Every person who has been admitted into the mortuary or post-mortem room shall conduct himself with decency and propriety.
3. Every person depositing or causing to be deposited a body in a mortuary or post-mortem room shall, on being requested so to do by the caretaker, furnish all such information as he is able concerning the identity of the body and the circumstances of its deposit.
4. Every person who has caused a body to be deposited in the mortuary shall, on receiving a notice from the Town Clerk or the Medical Officer of Health that such body is or has become in such a state of decomposition as to cause a nuisance, cause such body with all reasonable despatch to be removed for interment or cremation or to be placed in an airtight coffin and fastened down.
5. Every person who uses a shell, other than one provided by the Council, for the deposit in the mortuary or post-mortem room of the body of a person who has not died from an infectious disease, shall, if the body is transferred from the shell before being carried from the mortuary or post-mortem room, cause the shell to be removed as soon as conveniently may be after the transfer of the body therefrom.
6. Every person who uses a shell, other than one provided by the council, for the deposit in the mortuary or post-mortem room of the body of a person who has died from an infectious disease shall, if the body is transferred from the shell before

being carried from the mortuary or post-mortem room, cause the shell to be removed as soon as conveniently may be after the transfer of the body therefrom, and the receipt of the certificate of the Medical Officer of Health that the shell has been effectually disinfected.

Penalties

7. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, and in the case of an continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding two pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

Repeal of byelaws

8. The byelaws relating to the management of a mortuary which were made by the Finchley Borough Council on the seventeenth day of December 1934, and were confirmed by the Minister of Health on the twentieth day of February, 1935 are hereby repealed.

The Common Seal of the Mayor,)
Aldermen and Burgesses of the)
London Borough of Barnet was)
hereunto affixed this 30th day of)
August, 1972)
in the presence of)

(Signed) J.L. FREEDMAN

Mayor

(Signed) R.H. WILLIAMS

Town Clerk

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State of the Environment and shall come into operation on 1st January, 1973.

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State.

14th December, 1972

Signed D.R. SMITH

An Assistant Secretary in the
Department of the Environment