

IN THE MATTER OF

**HODGES & Edwards
FUNERAL HOME**

Respondent

License Number: E00045

BEFORE THE MARYLAND

STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS

AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Case Number: 13-025

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ORDER LIFTING SUMMARY SUSPENSION

BACKGROUND

On June 18, 2013, the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors (the "Board"), summarily suspended the funeral establishment license of Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home ("Respondent"), license number E00045, pursuant to its authority under Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-226(c)(2) (2009 Repl. Vol.), concluding that the public health, safety and welfare imperatively required emergency action. The Order for Summary Suspension is incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein. The Board offered the Respondent an opportunity to show cause why her license should not continue to be summarily suspended. The hearing took place on July 10, 2013.

Following the hearing, on July 30, 2013, the Board notified the Respondent that the summary suspension would be lifted at such time that the Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home ("Hodges and Edwards") corrected certain deficiencies and passed inspection. The notice continuing summary suspension is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

FINDINGS

1. At all times relevant hereto the Respondent was and is licensed under license number E00045 to practice mortuary science in this State.
2. At all times relevant the Respondent has been and continues to be the supervising mortician for Hodges and Edwards.
3. Follow up re-inspection reveals to the Board that Hodges and Edwards has completed the corrections and has passed inspection.

ORDER

Based on the findings, it is by the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors, hereby:

ORDERED that the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** of the Respondent's license to operate a funeral home in the State of Maryland shall be and is **LIFTED; it is further**

ORDERED That beginning with the effective date of this Order, Hodges and Edwards shall be subject to quarterly unannounced Board inspections. it is further


ORDERED that a finding by the Board indicating that Hodges and Edwards failed to pass an inspection shall constitute a violation of this Order and may subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action by the Board. In the event that the Respondent's license is suspended under this provision, she shall be provided with a Show Cause Hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall operate a funeral establishment in accordance with the Maryland Morticians and Funeral Directors Act and with all applicable laws, statutes and regulations; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall be responsible for all costs incurred under this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order is PUBLIC DOCUMENT as defined in Md. State Gov't Code Ann. §§ 10-611 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol.).

10/1/13
Date


Victor C. March, Sr.
President
Maryland State Board of Morticians
and Funeral Directors