

**Disinterment – State of Maryland Approval Process** (some specifics are for Montgomery County, MD)

The following describes the process to obtain permission to disinter human remains and move them to another location. Permission is required from the Office of the States Attorney in the relevant County. The contact person in Montgomery County is Eugenia Hull. Phone number: 240-777-7300 Address: Montgomery County Courthouse, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850

**Step 1:** Run an ad in a "newspaper of general circulation." E.G.: *Montgomery County Sentinel*.

The ad must say something like: "Approval is sought from the States Attorney's Office by the family of XXXXXXXX to disinter his remains, and reinter said remains in XXXXXXXX (ex., Section 1, Lot 197, Site 1, of XXXX Cemetery, street and city address."

**Step 2:** After 15 days, send a letter titled "Affidavit" to the States Attorney's Office (in Montgomery County, Attn: Eugenia Hull) with 1) a copy of the ad; 2) a statement that it was run in the newspaper (one time on X date); and 3) your request: Approval is sought from the States Attorney's Office by the family of XXXX to disinter his remains, and reinter said remains in XXXX. Include your contact information. Make a copy of this letter and send it to the relevant cemetery contact.

**Step 3:** The States Attorney's Office will send you a letter of approval. Make a copy of that for the cemetery contact as well.

*This information was compiled by Burt Hall, president of Rockville Cemetery Association, Inc. in October 2016, with assistance from Eugenia Hull in the Montgomery County States Attorney's Office.*

**Reference: Title 10 Section 402 of MD criminal law (procedures straight out of citation)**

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