## BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**, ex rel. GLEN MULREADY, Insurance Commissioner,

VS.

Petitioner,

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAHOMA

**ROLFE FUNERAL HOME, INC,** Prepaid Funeral Services Permit No: 44199927

Respondent.

CASE NO. 20-0117-DIS

## <u>CONDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER</u> <u>AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO BE HEARD</u>

COMES NOW the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Glen Mulready, Insurance Commissioner, by and through counsel, Antuanya "Bo" DeBose, and alleges and states as follows:

## **JURISDICTION**

1. Glen Mulready is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma and, as such, is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing all provisions of the Oklahoma Insurance Code, *36 O.S. §§ 101-7401*, and the Prepaid Funeral Benefits Act 36 O.S. §§ 6121-6136.18.

 Respondent Rolfe Funeral Home, Inc ("Respondent") is a permitted provider of Prepaid Funeral Benefit Contracts in the state of Oklahoma and holds permit number 44199927.
Respondent's address of record is 2936 Northeast 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111.

3. The Insurance Commissioner has jurisdiction over the subject matter raised in this dispute and may issue penalties pursuant to *36 O.S. §§ 6123 and 6130*.

4. Pursuant to 36 O.S. § 6130(B) the Insurance Commissioner may censure, suspend, or revoke a prepaid funeral permit or impose a fine in the amount of \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 or impose both such punishment and fine, for violating any provision of the Prepaid Funeral Benefits Act.

5. If Respondent requests a hearing in writing in this matter, pursuant to *OAC 365:1-7-1*, the Insurance Commissioner will appoint an independent hearing examiner who shall sit as a quasi-judicial officer and preside over the hearing requested by Respondent.

6. The Insurance Commissioner, pursuant to *OAC 365:1-7-5*, upon written request reasonably made by a person affected by the hearing and at such person's expense, shall cause a full stenographic record of the proceedings to be made by a competent court reporter.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

7. Pursuant to 36 O.S. 6124(A)(3), all prepaid funeral permits shall expire on December 31 of the year the permit is first issued, unless renewed; permits may be renewed for a period not to exceed the succeeding December 31 upon the payment of a renewal fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Late application for renewal of a permit shall require a fee of double the renewal fee. No application for renewal of a permit shall be accepted after January 31 of each year.

8. Pursuant to  $36 O.S. \le 6121(A)$ , it shall be unlawful to sell prepaid funeral benefits unless the seller holds a valid, current permit at the time the contract is made.

9. Respondent's prepaid funeral permit expired December 31, 2019.

Respondent submitted its completed application for renewal of its prepaid permit February
25, 2020.

Respondent failed to file an application for renewal of its prepaid funeral permit prior to
December 31, 2019. Respondent also failed to file a late application for renewal by January 31,
2020.

12. Respondent continued to issue prepaid funeral contracts after its permit expired.

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#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Respondent has violated  $O.S. \leq 6121(A)$  by selling prepaid funeral benefits without holding a valid and current permit.

#### **ORDER**

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Respondent is and FINED in the amount of ONE HUNDERED DOLLARS (\$100.00)**. The fines are to be paid within 30 days of the date of this Conditional Administrative Order and made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department, located at 400 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. Failure to comply with a proper order of the Commissioner will result in further administrative action.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** by the Insurance Commissioner that the Respondent shall honor any and all prepaid funeral contracts which were issued pursuant to *36 O.S. §6121* during the period Respondent's prepaid funeral permit was not valid.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** by the Insurance Commissioner that this Order is a Conditional Order. Unless the Respondent requests a hearing with respect to the Findings of Fact set forth above within 30 days of the date of this Conditional Order, the penalties set forth above will become a Final Order on the 31<sup>st</sup> day following the date of mailing this Order. A request for hearing should be in writing and addressed to Antuanya "Bo" DeBose, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 400 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. The request for hearing must state the grounds for the request to set aside or modify the Order and must be served on the Oklahoma Insurance Department within the 30 days allotted. The proceedings on such requested hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Oklahoma Insurance Code, *36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq.*, and the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, *75 O.S. §§ 250 through 324*. If the Respondent serves a request for hearing on the Oklahoma Insurance Department, this Conditional Order will act as a notice of the matters to be reviewed at the hearing and the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and penalties imposed in this Conditional Order shall be considered withdrawn, pending final resolution at the hearing.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this day of <u>March</u>, 2020.



GLEN MULREADY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

/s/ Antuanya DeBose Antuanya "Bo" DeBose Assistant General Counsel Oklahoma Insurance Department 400 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112 Tel. (405) 521-2746 Fax (405) 522-0125

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *Conditional Administrative Order and Notice of Right to Be Heard* was mailed by regular mail and by certified mail, with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, on this day of March, 2020, to:

Rolfe Funeral Home, Inc. 2936 Northeast 36<sup>th</sup> Street Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

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