MEMORANDUM

Dec. 5, 2025

To: SDFDA Members

From: Michael D. Sharkey

RE: Music Licenses

I write to update the Members of the South Dakota Funeral Directors Association regarding your music licenses for 2026. The SDFDA decoupled from the NFDA per unanimous vote that the 2025 Convention. This does not effect SDFDA Member's ability to use the NFDA's music licensing program. SDFDA Members can also purchase a music license though BMI (which BMI specifically designed for funeral homes) directly.

To purchase a music license from NFDA, you can access the NFDA website at https://nfda.org/resources/music-and-webcasting-licenses

NFDA offers the same pricing for NFDA members as it does for Members of state associations like SDFDA. The cost for the NFDA music license is $350.00 as of the time of this writing.

Should you wish to purchase a music license through BMI the website is:

https://www.bmi.com/forms/licensing/gl/fnl1.pdf

or

https://www.bmi.com/licensing/forms

The listed cost for the BMI funeral home music license is $430.83 as of the time of this writing.

Should you have any questions please feel free to call or email me.

Thank you for being SDFDA Members.

Respectfully submitted,
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