

ORDINANCE NO. _____
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SAN MATEO COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 03587 AND
ESTABLISHING REVISED FEES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SAN MATEO
COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, ordains as follows

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Coroner's Office provides services and reports to individuals, businesses and agencies which require allocation of labor, materials, including time spent by Coroner investigators, pathology staff, support staff, supervisory staff and management; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, on August 9, 1994, adopted Ordinance No. 03587 establishing certain fees for said services and reports; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, on July 1, 2003, adopted a revision of Ordinance No.03587 updating certain fees for said services and reports; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that said fee structure be updated to reflect current cost for services rendered, as well as to include new statutory fees, pursuant to Section 27472 of the Government Code, for the removal and storage of remains, as well as a fee for autopsies not required by law but requested by the next of kin or executor; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the fees for statutory services set forth herein represent the actual cost of labor and materials needed to provide such services, or for voluntary, non-statutory services represent reasonable cost of recovery commensurate with the cost of obtaining the services elsewhere:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that except as otherwise specifically provided by Ordinance or state law, the following fees shall be charged for services as specified:

1. Final Full Autopsy Report	\$35.00
2. Autopsy Report (Summary Only)	\$10.00
3. Toxicology Report	\$5.00
4. Death Investigation Report	\$15.00
5. Mail out of Decedent Property & Records (Pick-up by next of kin - no charge)	\$10.00 plus actual postage
6. Civil Deposition of Coroner at Office	\$125.00/hour
7. Civil Deposition of Coroner in Court (or other offsite location)	\$225.00 plus \$125.00/hour after 2 hours Mileage @ 0.36/mile
8. Investigator Office Consultation	\$55.00/hour
9. Civil Court Deposition/Appearance	\$150.00 plus \$60.00/ after 2 hours Mileage @ 0.36/mile
10. Photo Set (Civil or Personal Request)	\$25.00 plus photo processing cost
11. Warehouse/Archive Files Records Search (non-law enforcement)	\$25.00
12. Pick-Up and Storage of Remains (Coroner Case, 1 day storage after notification of next of kin)	\$225.00
13. Storage of Remains after 1 day	\$50.00 per day
14. "Courtesy" (non-Coroner) Pick-Up and Storage of Remains	\$225.00 plus \$50.00/day commencing after 24 hours
15. Body Wrap and Bag Fees	Wrap \$25.00/ Plastic Sheet \$45.00/ White Zipper Bags \$65.00/ Biohazard Bags \$125.00/ Large Biohazard Bags
16. Autopsies and related testing not pursuant to law, at voluntary request of next of kin or Executor.	\$3,000.00 plus the cost of all related testing
17. Other Special Services Requested	To be determined based on cost.

This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from the passage thereof.