

1 [Amending Medical Examiner’s fees.]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by amending Section**  
4 **8.14, to adjust fees for services provided by the Medical Examiner, and to provide for**  
5 **annual adjustment of these fees to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.**

6 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;  
7 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.  
8 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
9 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

9 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

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11 Section 1. The San Francisco Administrative Code is hereby amended by amending  
12 Section 8.14, to read as follows:

13 **SEC. 8.14. MEDICAL EXAMINER’S FEES FOR COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND CERTAIN**  
14 **SERVICES.**

15 *(a)* The Medical Examiner is hereby authorized to charge fees to defray the cost of the  
16 issuance of the following mentioned documents and the providing of the following services.

17 Any persons requesting or requiring such documents or services shall pay the following fees:

18 Proof of death for insurance purposes	\$ 5.00
19 Statement to attending physician at death	5.00
20 Certified copy of verdict of inquest	5.00
21 Non-contagious letter	5.00
22 Certified copy of Medical Examiner's report	30.00
23 <u>Copy (not certified) of Medical Examiner’s report</u>	<u>.10/page</u>
24 Disaster bags for decomposed, accident or infectious cases	<u>20.00</u> <del>15.00</del>
25 Forensic autopsy performed on non-Medical	

1	Examiner's cases or outside county	2,000.00
2	X-rays	100.00 each
3	Copies of X-rays	20.00 each
4	Re-cut microscopic slides	20.00 each
5	Outside use of facilities for identification of remains	30.00
6	Storage of remains for funeral directors for other than	
7	Medical Examiner's cases, per day	<u>50.00</u> <del>25.00</del>
8	Removal of remains to Medical Examiner's	
9	Office prior to completion of investigation (Gov. Code	
10	§27472), Medical Examiner's cases. (The charge, if	
11	not paid, may be considered a part of the funeral	
12	expense and paid as a preferred charge against	
13	the estate of the decedent.)	<u>175.00</u> <del>100.00</del>
14	Storage of remains following completion of investigation	
15	and notification of family or funeral director of completed	
16	investigation, Medical Examiner's cases, per day	<u>50.00</u> <del>25.00</del>
17	Removal and storage of remains from rest homes or other	
18	agencies that have no facilities for cold storage	100.00
19	Autopsy reports to hospitals and attending physicians	5.00
20	Certified copy of letter confirming death pending	
21	completion of autopsy	5.00
22	Forensic alcohol <u>testing, blood or urine</u> <del>report</del>	65.00
23	Supporting documentation for results of forensic alcohol report	6.00/page
24	Blood quantitation for drugs	250.00
25	Urine testing for drugs	250.00

1	Gastric screen	150.00
2	Tissue screen	175.00
3	Pre-trial conference at Medical Examiner's Office	
4	<i>for non-criminal or out-of-county cases</i>	100.00/hour
5	Pre-trial conference at county of request	250.00/hour**
6	Deposition at Medical Examiner's Office	150.00/hour
7	Deposition outside of Medical Examiner's Office	200.00/hour**
8	Court testimony, toxicologist	250.00/hour**
9	Court testimony, forensic pathologist	500.00/hour**
10	Court testimony, medical technologist or investigator	250.00/hour**

11 \* Court travel, and expert fees will be added.

12 \*\* Travel and accommodation charges will be the responsibility of requesting agency.

13 All cases brought into the Medical Examiner's Office facility shall be billed for  
14 transportation, personnel handling, and storage costs, except for the following categories of  
15 cases:

- 16 (1) Decedents under 14 years of age;
- 17 (2) Homicides;
- 18 (3) In custody or police-involved cases;
- 19 (4) Indigents (County disposition);
- 20 (5) Cases in which private charitable funds available to pay funeral costs would  
21 thereby be reduced so as to preclude payment;
- 22 (6) Cases specifically exempted by the Medical Examiner or his designee.

23 (b) Beginning with fiscal year 2003-2004, fees set in this Section may be adjusted each year,  
24 without further action by the Board of Supervisors, to reflect changes in the relevant Consumer Price  
25 Index, as determined by the Controller.

1           No later than April 15th of each year, the Medical Examiner's Office shall submit its current fee  
2 schedule to the Controller, who shall apply the price index adjustment to produce a new fee schedule  
3 for the following year.

4           No later than May 15th of each year, the Controller shall file a report with the Board of  
5 Supervisors reporting the fee new schedule and certifying that: (a) the fees produce sufficient revenue  
6 to support the costs of providing the services for which each fee is assessed, and (b) the fees do not  
7 produce revenue which is significantly more than the costs of providing the services for which each fee  
8 is assessed.

9           (c) All fees received for documents and services mentioned in this Section shall be  
10 deposited with the Treasurer and shall be used to defray the costs incurred by the Medical  
11 Examiner in issuing such documents or providing such services.

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13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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