

1 [Administrative Code - Medical Examiner’s Fees for Certain Services]

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3 **Ordinance amending Administrative Code, Section 8.14, to adjust the Office of the**
 4 **Chief Medical Examiner's fees to add post-mortem investigation services, remove**
 5 **obsolete services, and update all amounts to FY2020-2021 values.**

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

8 Section 1. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in
 9 this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public
 10 Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the
 11 Board of Supervisors in File No. 130543 and is incorporated herein by reference.

12 Section 2. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by amending Section 8.14 to
 13 read as follows:

14 (a) The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the
 15 following fees to any persons or government agencies, including departments or agencies of
 16 the City and County of San Francisco, that request or require such documents or services:

17	Proof of death letter	\$7 9
18	Statement of non-contagion	7 9
19	Certified copy of Medical Examiner's report	34 46
20	Disaster bag	49 66
21	Forensic autopsy by request	3,274
22	X-rays, per film	113
23	Copies of X-rays, per film	24 32
24	Re-cut microscopic slides, per slide	24 32
25	Storage of remains, per day	56 75

1	Removal of remains from place of death to OCME facility, Medical Examiner's cases	461 621
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3	Transport of remains from rest homes or other agencies, non-Medical Examiner's cases	113
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5	Cremation of remains by request <i>with approval of OCME</i>	873 1,176
6	Certified forensic toxicology report	12 16
7	Certified supporting documentation for results of forensic toxicology report, per page	.90 1
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9	Packaging and delivery of subpoenaed records to court	18 22
10	Specimen storage, per month	28 38
11	Expert testimony or consultation by OCME toxicologist (non-Ph.D.), per hour	282 380 /hour**
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13	Expert testimony or consultation by OCME toxicologist (Ph.D.), per hour	400 539**
14	Expert testimony or consultation by OCME forensic pathologist, per hour	584 787**
15	Expert testimony or consultation by OCME investigator, per hour	282 380**
16	Drug screening in blood or urine by ELISA (4 common drug categories)	400
17	Drug screening in blood or urine by ELISA (8 common drug categories)	600
18	Drug screening in blood or urine by ELISA (12 common drug categories)	800
19	Drug screening in blood or urine by GC/MS (<i>gas chromatography with mass spectrometry</i>)	1,200 1,617
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21	Drug confirmation in urine, per drug	300 404
22	Drug confirmation and quantitation in blood, per drug	300 404
23	Drug screening in gastric contents or tissue by GC/MS	1,500 2,021
24	Drug confirmation in gastric contents or tissue, per drug	400 539
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1	Date rape drug screening in urine	1,200 1,616
2	Date rape drug confirmation in urine, per drug	300 404
3	Drug screening and confirmation in hair, per hair specimen	4,000 5,389
4	Decedent's property mailing fee	40 54
5	Histology service, including embedding, cutting, routine H & E staining	120 162
6	and coverslipping, per 4 cassettes	
7	Forensic alcohol analysis, per case	160 100
8	Drug screening and confirmation in nails, per nail specimen	1,143 1,540
9	Preparation of specimen for shipment or release	60 74
10	<i>Postmortem Comprehensive Drug Analysis</i>	360
11	<i>Postmortem Comprehensive Expanded Drug Analysis</i>	525
12	<i>Postmortem Comprehensive Expanded Drug and Alcohol Analysis</i>	525
13	<i>Postmortem Comprehensive Drug and Alcohol Analysis</i>	400
14	<i>Postmortem Carbon Monoxide Analysis</i>	95
15	<i>Postmortem Biochemistry (Electrolytes) Analysis</i>	95

16 ** Travel and accommodation charges will be the responsibility of the requesting party.

17 Except as otherwise provided by law, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is
18 authorized to charge a fee on a time-and- materials basis to issue documents or perform
19 services other than those specified above. The fee charged shall not exceed the actual cost
20 that the OCME incurs in providing the document or service to the requesting party.

21 (b) All cases brought into the Medical Examiner's Office facility shall be billed for
22 transportation, personnel handling, and storage costs, except for the following categories of
23 cases:

24 (1) Decedents under 14 years of age;

- 1 (2) Homicides;
- 2 (3) In custody or police-involved cases;
- 3 (4) Indigents (County disposition);
- 4 (5) Cases in which private charitable funds available to pay funeral costs would
- 5 thereby be reduced so as to preclude payment;
- 6 (6) Cases specifically exempted by the Chief Medical Examiner or his or her
- 7 designee.

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9 (c) Beginning with fiscal year 2003-2004, fees set in this Section may be adjusted

10 each year, without further action by the Board of Supervisors, to reflect changes in the

11 relevant Consumer Price Index, as determined by the Controller.

12 No later than April 15th of each year, the Medical Examiner's Office shall submit its

13 current fee schedule to the Controller, who shall apply the price index adjustment to produce a

14 new fee schedule for the following year. The adjusted rates shall become operative on July 1.

15 (d) All fees received for documents and services mentioned in this Section shall be

16 deposited with the Treasurer and shall be used to defray the costs incurred by the Medical

17 Examiner in issuing such documents or providing such services.

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