

LOCAL LAW 20 - 2009

A LOCAL LAW RELATING TO CERTAIN FEES COLLECTED BY THE ONONDAGA COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR FORENSIC SCIENCES FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER
SERVICES, AND FURTHER AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 13-2006, AS PREVIOUSLY
AMENDED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 23-2008

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF
ONONDAGA, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Local Law No. 13-2006, as previously amended by Local Law No. 23-2008, which established in part a fee schedule for Medical Examiner Services collected by the Onondaga County Commissioner of Health, hereby is amended to strike Exhibit A therefrom and to substitute the following:

Office of the Medical Examiner
Exhibit A

Description	Fee
Autopsy	
External Examination only	\$565/case
Internal Examination	\$1,245/case
Special Cases (listed below)	\$1,800/case
Infectious (Biohazard) cases	
Prisoners/inmates (internal exam only)	
Exhumations	
Repeat autopsies	
Suspected hazardous material	
Private Autopsy	\$2,900/case
Non-Medical Examiner/Case Review	\$130/case
Scene Investigation	
Physician response to scene	\$210/hr
Forensic Investigator	\$110/hr
Both	\$275/hr
Toxicology Charges	
All charges billed separately according to Laboratory Fee Schedule as provided for in Exhibit B of Local Law No. 13-2006, as amended by Local Law No. 23-2008.	
Histology	
Microscopies (charge for recuts only)	\$16.50/slide
Radiology	
No charge if done at OCME.	
If OCME machine is not adequate, as determined by MEO staff, or if done elsewhere, costs will be billed directly to the OCME client in need of this service.	
Duplication of X-ray films	\$25/each

Resting Fee

No charge if obtained within 24 hours of notification to pick up.

Following 24 hour period(s), or any portion thereof \$110/day

Conventional Photography

Charge for reproducing/reprinting only

Slide to slide copying and printing \$7/exposure

Slide to print copying and printing (4x6) \$8/exposure

Enlargements At cost, plus \$1/exposure handling fee

Digital Photography

Convert digital to film (slide) image (approx.\$10/exp.) At cost, plus \$1/exposure handling fee

Enlargements At cost, plus \$1/exposure handling fee

Diskette or CD \$12/CD/100 images

Sheet of digital images \$20/ 8.5x11 glossy; or

\$15/ 8.5x11 matte

Skeletal Evaluations

Human remains \$1,800/case

Non-human remains \$110/case

Morgue Use for Embalming

\$220/use

Body Bags

Heavy bag \$47/bag

Light bag \$22/bag

Oversized bag \$105/bag

BioSeal® Containment \$260/case

For all instances in which there is an hourly fee, the amount of time spent on a particular service shall be billed to the OCME client in half-hour increments. All out-of-state testimony, case preparation, and case review shall be billed to the OCME client at the rate listed in the Civil Cases section below.

Civil Cases

Physician Case Review \$720/case

Physician Case Review, additional hours \$360/hr

Case Review/Appointment with Investigator or non-MD staff \$210/hr

Civil Court Appearance/Deposition by Physician \$412/hr

Civil Court Appearance/Deposition by non-Physician staff \$258/hr

Clerical Staff – record research, retrieval, coordination \$35/hr

Criminal Cases

Court Testimony/Deposition – all staff \$200/hr

Travel Expenses

Travel Time (portal to portal) \$155/hr

Mileage (current IRS rate), parking, tolls, meals, lodging, Actual cost

and per diem expenses

Release of Information

Subject to legal restrictions on release of information regarding a decedent

Photocopy of Autopsy Report (includes autopsy, microscopic, neuropathology, toxicology and other consultation reports) \$42/report

Photocopy of file, less those listed in item above \$0.75/page

Subpoena – Administrative Fee – Civil \$20/each
(in addition to above fees if not in more recent two-year period)

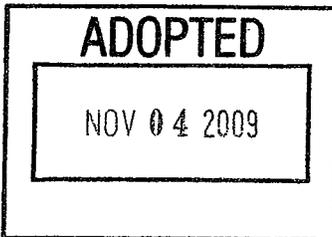
Additional rush charges incurred will be billed at actual cost. At the discretion of the Medical Examiner, payment may be required before service is provided.

Section 2. The procedures for the collection of such fees shall be as prescribed by the appropriate laws of the State and any amendments thereto or determined by the Commissioner of Health where the State has not enacted procedures.

Section 3. In all other respects, Local Law No. 13-2006, as previously amended by Local Law No. 23-2008, shall remain in full force and effect except as specifically amended herein.

Section 4. This Local Law shall take effect on January 1, 2010 and shall be filed pursuant to provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF LEGISLATION DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY ON THE

4th DAY OF November, 2009.

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CLERK, COUNTY LEGISLATURE
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