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LOCAL LAW 6 - 2018

A LOCAL LAW RELATING TO CERTAIN FEES COLLECTED BY THE ONONDAGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR FORENSIC SCIENCES FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER AND FORENSIC LABORATORY SERVICES, AND FURTHER AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 13 – 2016

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

Section 1. Collection Authorized.

Local Law No. 13-2016, amended by Local Law No. 10 – 2017, established a fee schedule for services performed through the Center for Forensic Sciences, collected by the Onondaga County Commissioner of Health, and it is necessary to empower the Commissioner to collect fees imposed by local law, including those authorized herein. The procedures for the collection of such fees shall be as prescribed by applicable laws, as may be amended, or as otherwise determined by the Commissioner.

Section 2. Fees to be Collected.

The fees to be imposed for the services listed below are as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER
Exhibit A

Description of Service to be Provided	Fee
EXAMINATIONS:	
Autopsy Examination – contract rate	\$2,000/case
Autopsy Examination – non-contract rate	\$2,900/case
External Examination – contract rate	\$1,200/case
External Examination – non-contract rate	\$1,800/case
Special Cases (listed below) – contract rate	\$2,500/case
Special Cases (listed below) – non-contract rate	\$3,900/case
Bariatric (BMI greater than or equal to 40)	
Sudden Infant Death	
Infectious (Biohazard)	
Exhumations	
Repeat Autopsies	
Suspected Hazardous Material	
SKELETAL EXAMINATIONS:	
Human Remains – contract rate	\$2,150/case
Human Remains – non-contract rate	\$3,000/case
Non-Human Remains	\$300/case
Prisoner/Inmate Autopsy Examinations	\$4,500/case
Private Autopsy	\$5,000/case
SPECIALIZED TESTING AND CONSULTATIONS	At Cost
Eye Pathology	
DNA Testing	

Molecular/Genetic Testing
Mass Fatality Incident

NON-MEDICAL EXAMINER/CASE REVIEW

Contract rate	\$300/case
Non-contract rate	\$400/case
ON-CALL SERVICE*	
On-call service - contract rate	\$400/date scheduled
On-call service - non-contract rate	\$800/date scheduled

**On-call service may be requested when an outside county coroner/medical examiner is unable to cover death notifications. The OCMEO will receive all death notifications directly from law enforcement and other agencies to establish jurisdiction on behalf of the county requesting the service. Each date scheduled, regardless of the number of hours covered, will be charged at the flat rate above.*

For all instances listed below in which there is an hourly fee, the amount of time spent on a particular service shall be billed to the client in half-hour increments.

CASE REVIEW/CONSULTATION: shall remain as fixed in Local Law No. 13 – 2016.

TESTIMONY: shall remain as fixed in Local Law No. 13 – 2016.

SCENE INVESTIGATION: shall remain as fixed in Local Law No. 13 – 2016.

TRAVEL EXPENSES: shall remain as fixed in Local Law No. 13 – 2016.

REPORTS/OTHER RECORDS (Subject to legal restrictions):

Autopsy/Examination Report (includes toxicology)	\$60/hard copy report
Archived Report (older than 5 years)	\$150/case
(Additional rush charges incurred shall be billed at actual cost. At the discretion of the Medical Examiner, payment may be required before service is provided.)	

IMAGING/HISTOLOGY/X-RAYS:

Autopsy and Scene Investigation Images CD	\$25/disc
Microscopic Slide Recut	\$35/slide
Microscopic Slide Special Stains	At cost
Microscopic Digital Images	\$5/image
X-ray Film Copy	\$30/film
X-ray Digital Images	\$20/disc
Prints – 35mm Slide	\$15/slide

TOXICOLOGY*

Driving Under Influence – Alcohol & Drugs	\$400.00/case
Driving Under Influence – Alcohol	\$150/case
Driving Under Influence – Drugs	\$350/case
Comprehensive Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault	\$400/case
Postmortem Toxicology (without pathology examination)	\$450/case
Postmortem Toxicology (with pathology examination)	(included in the exam fee)

**Analyses performed by reference laboratories will be billed at actual cost.*

FORENSIC LABORATORIES

Exhibit B shall remain as fixed in Local Law No. 13 – 2016.

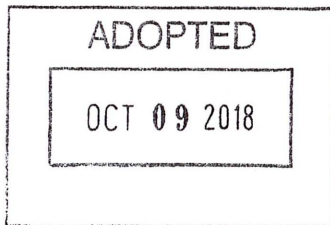
Section 3. Effect on Prior Legislation.

In all other respects, Local Law Nos. 13-2016 and 10 – 2017 shall remain in full force and effect except as specifically amended herein.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect on January 1, 2019, and shall be filed consistent with 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 9th DAY OF October, 2018.

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