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LOCAL LAW NO. 11 2004

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE ONONDAGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR FORENSIC SCIENCES FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES AND FOR FORENSIC LABORATORY SERVICES

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

Section 1. The Onondaga County Commissioner of Health is hereby empowered to collect fees for forensic laboratory and Medical Examiner Services.

Section 2. The fees to be charged are as follows:

Office of the Medical Examiner
Exhibit A

Description	Fee
Autopsy	
External Examination only	$500/case
Internal Examination	$1,100/case
Special Cases (listed below)	$1,600/case
Infectious (Biohazard) cases	
Prisoners/inmates (internal exam only)	
Exhumations	
Repeat autopsies	
Suspected hazardous material	
Non-Medical Examiner/Case Review	$100/case
Scene Investigation	
Physician response to scene	$200/hr
Forensic Investigator	$100/hr
Both	$250/hr
Toxicology Charges	
All charges billed separately according to the Laboratory Fee Schedule. See Exhibit B.	
Histology	
Microscopics (charge for recuts only)	$15/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	$20/each
Resting Fee	
No charge if obtained within 24 hours of notification to pick up.	
Following 24 hour period(s), or any portion thereof	$100/day

Conventional Photography

Charge for reproducing/reprinting only.

Slide to slide copying and printing $5/exposure

Slide to print copying and printing (4x6) $6/exposure

Enlargements ..... At cost, plus $1/exp. handling fee

Digital Photography

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

Enlargements ..... At cost, plus $1/exp. handling fee

Diskette or CD ..... $10/CD/100 images

Sheet of digital images ..... $15/ 8.5x11 glossy
$10/ 8.5x11 matte

Skeletal Evaluations

Human remains $1,600/case

Non-human remains $100/case

Morgue Use for Embalming $200/use

Body Bags

Heavy bag $45/bag

Light bag $20/bag

Oversized bag $100/bag

Time billed in ½ hour increments

Civil Cases

Case Review/Appointment with Physician $350/hr

Case Review/Appointment with Investigator or non-MD staff $200/hr

Civil Court Appearance/Deposition by Physician $400/hr

Civil Court Appearance/Deposition by non-Physician staff $250/hr

Clerical Staff – record research, retrieval, coordination $30/hr

All out-of-state testimony, preparation, and review is billed at Civil Cases rate

Criminal Cases

Court Testimony/Deposition – all staff $200/hr

Travel Expenses

Travel Time (portal to portal) $150/hr

Mileage (current IRS rate), parking, tolls, meals, lodging and per diem ..... $Actual

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) $35/report

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

Subpoena – Administrative Fee – Civil (in addition to above if not in more recent

two-year period)..... $15/each

Please inquire about turnaround time if you have an urgent need. Please note that additional rush charges that are incurred will be passed along to you. Also, where applicable, as determined by MEO staff, payment will be required before service is provided.

Forensic Laboratories
Exhibit B

Exam Type	Fee
Toxicology	
DWI/DWAI (Blood)	
Ethyl Alcohol Only	$40.00
Ethyl Alcohol, Immunoassay and Confirmation	$85.00
Quantitation of positives (not including EtOH)	$60.00/analyte
*Analyses performed by reference laboratories will be invoiced at actual cost	
Probation/Parole/Children's Services (Urine Only)	
Urine Drug Screen	$35.00
Suspect/Victim Drug Screen (Blood or Urine)	
Ethyl Alcohol Only	$40.00
Ethyl Alcohol, Immunoassay, Qualitative, and Confirmation	$185.00
Ethyl Alcohol, Immunoassay, Qualitative, Confirmation & DFSA Panel	$220.00
Quantitation of positives (not including EtOH)	$60.00/analyte
*Analyses performed by reference laboratories will be invoiced at actual cost	
Post-Mortem	
Ethyl Alcohol	$40.00
Carbon Monoxide	$35.00
Cyanide	$35.00
Heavy Metal Poisoning, Liver Tissue Only	$45.00
EtOH and Immunoassay	$80.00
EtOH, Immunoassay, and Qualitative	$150.00
EtOH, Immunoassay, Qualitative and Confirmation	$195.00
Quantitation of positives (not including EtOH and CO) (per analyte per source)	$60.00/analyte/source
*Analyses performed by reference laboratories will be invoiced at actual cost	
Forensic Biology/DNA	
Body Fluid Identification and DNA Analysis	$250.00/sample
Body Fluid Identification Only	$300.00/case
Firearms	
Operability	$150.00/case
Comparisons	$300.00/case
Serial Number Restoration	$300.00/case

Drug Analysis

Solid Dose Form/Contraband - First ten samples per case..... $50.00/sample
Additional samples same case..... $25.00/sample
Quantitation $200.00/sample

Trace

Hair, Fiber, Glass and Paint Analysis..... $Consult Lab

Questioned Documents

Indented Writing - 15 page maximum..... $300.00/case
Obliterated Writing $300.00/case
Handwriting Analysis $300.00/case
Additional Pages..... $Consult Lab

Fire Debris Analysis..... $75.00/sample

Criminalistics

Other Criminalistics Tests..... $Consult Lab

Time billed in ½ hour increments

Civil Cases

Case Review/Appointment at CFS $200.00/hr
Civil Court Appearance/Deposition $250.00/hr

Criminal Cases

Court Testimony/Deposition - all staff..... $150.00/hr

Travel Expenses

Travel Time (portal to portal)..... $150.00/hr
Mileage (current IRS rate), parking, tolls, meals, lodging and per diem..... $Actual

Administrative Fees and Miscellaneous Expenses

Civil Administrative Fee..... $15.00
File Research/Retrieval Fee
Archived..... $25.00
Non-Archived..... $10.00
Photocopies..... $0.75/page

Photography

5x7 Black & White Photograph..... $ 8.00
5x7 Color Photograph..... $9.00
Black & White Proof Sheet(s)..... $10.00/roll
8x10 Black & White Photograph..... $10.00
Color Proof Sheet(s)..... $11.00/roll
8x10 Color Photograph..... $11.00

Section 3. 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 4. Any prior resolution or Local Law pertaining to the fees collected by the Onondaga County Health Department Center for Forensic Sciences including Resolution No. 36 of 2002 and Resolution No. 167 of 2001, is hereby amended to the extent necessary to comply with the intent of this Local Law.

Section 5. This Local Law shall take effect on January 1, 2005, and pursuant to provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law.

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ADOPTED

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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 7th DAY OF October, 2004.

Deborah L. Fitzpatrick

CLERK, COUNTY LEGISLATURE
ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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