

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 05 (2023/24)

Re: Modifying Fee Schedule of Medical Examiner in Chapter 96

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 59.36 provides that the County Board may set fees for all services rendered by the Medical Examiner provided that the fees do not exceed the amount reasonably related to the actual and necessary cost of providing the service, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 96 of the Code currently provides for a fee of \$109.46 for death certificates, \$164.19 for cremation permits and \$220.00 for transport charges with the last adjustments having been made on August 16, 2022, when it enacted Ordinance No. 2 (2022/23), and

WHEREAS, the Law Committee has determined that the continuing expenses related to Medical Examiner services require an adjustment be made to the Medical Examiner fees charged in Sheboygan County to amounts more reasonably related to the actual and necessary cost of providing the services;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Sheboygan does ordain as follows:

Section 1. **Increasing Medical Examiner's Fees.** Sections 96.10, 96.11 and 96.13 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as follows (additions indicated by shading; deletions by strikeouts):

96.10 CERTIFICATIONS OF DEATH. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 59.36 and 69.18(2)(d)3, except for a medical certification for the cause of death of an indigent, the fee charged by the Medical Examiner for providing a medical certification of death shall be ~~One Hundred Nine and 46/100 (\$109.46).~~ **One Hundred Sixteen and 57/100 (\$116.57).**

96.11 CREMATION PERMITS. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 59.36, and 979.10, the fee charged by the Medical Examiner for each cremation permit issued shall ~~One Hundred Sixty-four and 19/100 (\$164.19).~~ **One Hundred Seventy-four and 86/100 (\$174.86).**

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96.13 TRANSPORT CHARGES. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.36, the charge assessed by the Medical Examiner for transporting a deceased person from a death scene to a County morgue or a holding facility shall be ~~Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$220.00)~~ Two Hundred Thirty-four and 40/100 (\$234.40) plus any actual out-of-pocket expenses for transport pouches or similar disposable items.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** The herein Ordinance shall take effect as of October 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of August, 2023.

LAW COMMITTEE

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Opposed to Introduction:

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