

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-417

SPONSOR Mr. Pry

DATE November 2, 2009

COMMITTEE Rules

**An Ordinance amending Section 136.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Fee for Autopsies for other Counties," to establish a fee for the remainder of 2009 of \$1,230.00 for autopsies performed by the Medical Examiner of behalf of other counties and to provide that no later than December 1 of each year, the Medical Examiner shall give the County Executive an estimate of the actual value of the technicians and materials used to perform autopsies on behalf of other counties for the following year and that no later than December 15 of each year, the Executive shall issue an Executive Order setting the fee for out-of-county autopsies for the following year, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

WHEREAS, Section 313.161 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes a county to charge another county a fee for performing an autopsy on its behalf that is no greater than the actual value of the technicians and materials used; and

WHEREAS, Section 136.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Fee for Autopsies for other Counties," effective 1/27/03, establishes an autopsy fee of \$850.00, which shall be adjusted annually to reflect any increases in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor; and

WHEREAS, as shown on Exhibit A, using CPI, the chargeable cost under Section 136.02 is \$1,016.85; and

WHEREAS, as shown on Exhibit B, the actual cost of performing an out-of-county autopsy is \$1,230.00; and

WHEREAS, since the current CPI-based annual adjustment is insufficient, it is necessary to establish a new annual autopsy fee adjustment procedure whereby no later than December 1 of each year, the Medical Examiner shall give the County Executive an estimate of the actual value of the technicians and materials used to perform autopsies on behalf of other counties for the following year and that no later than December 15 of each year, the Executive shall issue an Executive Order setting the autopsy fee for the following year; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined by reviewing all pertinent information that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to amend Section 136.02 to establish a fee for the remainder of 2009 of \$1,230.00 for autopsies performed by the Medical Examiner of behalf of other counties and to establish the aforementioned new annual autopsy fee adjustment procedure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1

Section 136.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Fee for Autopsies for other Counties," is hereby amended as follows:

**"136.02 FEE FOR AUTOPSIES FOR OTHER COUNTIES.**

The fee for autopsies performed on behalf of a county other than the County of Summit is hereby established at ~~\$850.00~~ \$1,230.00 per autopsy for 2009. The fee shall be adjusted annually thereafter to reflect the actual value of the technicians and materials used to perform autopsies for other counties. ~~to reflect any increases in the Consumer Price Index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.~~ No later than December 1 of each year, the Medical Examiner shall give the County Executive an estimate of the actual value of the technicians and materials used to perform autopsies on behalf of other counties for the following year and no later than December 15 of each year, the Executive shall issue an Executive Order setting the autopsy fee for the following year."

SECTION 2

This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the county of Summit, Ohio, and for the further reason is that it is necessary in order to amend Section 136.02 of the Codified Ordinances to set an autopsy fee of \$1,230.00 for 2009 and establish a new annual autopsy fee adjustment procedure.

SECTION 3

Provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

SECTION 4

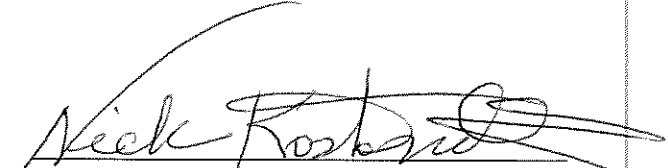
It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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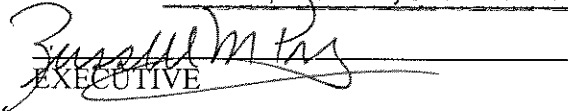
INTRODUCED October 19, 2009

ADOPTED November 2, 2009

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: November 2, 2009

  
EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 2, 2009

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Crossland, Feeman, Kostandaras  
Poda, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro, Smith

EXHIBIT A

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Year	CPI	Price/Autopsy
2003	Base	\$ 850.00
2004	2.3	\$ 869.55
2005	2.7	\$ 893.03
2006	3.4	\$ 923.39
2007	3.2	\$ 952.94
2008	2.8	\$ 979.62
2009	3.8	\$ 1,016.85

EXHIBIT B

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County of Summit  
Medical Examiner Costs per Autopsy

2008  
Actual

<b>Salaries and Benefits</b>		
Medical Examiner Wages/Autopsy	\$ 759	All employees(see: SalBeneSumm)
Medical Examiner Benefits/Autopsy	\$ 221	All employees(see: SalBeneSumm)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 980</b>	

<b>Administrative support</b>		
Support Staff Wages	\$ 200,530	See SalBeneSumm
Support Staff Benefits	\$ 65,930	See SalBeneSumm
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 266,460</b>	

<b>Other Costs</b>		
Contract Services	\$ 43,407	Actual 2008 (10003-3107)
Internal Chargebacks(Office Services, Telephone, Internal Audit)	\$ 9,645	Actual 2008 (10003-3107)
Other(Supplies, Travel, Rentals, etc.)	\$ 12,513	Actual 2008 (10003-3107)
Depreciation Costs	\$ 54,783	Capital Assets Tab
Indirect Costs	\$ 145,266	Maximus Indirect Cost Allocation Use 2008
Supplies & Equip. (28625-3110)	\$ 96,557	Actual 2008 (28625-3110)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 362,170</b>	

Total Cost of Medical Examiner Deaths Reported to SC Medical Examiner	\$ 628,630	Total Other Costs	
	<u>2,938</u>	Three year average 2006-2008	
<b>Total overhead per case</b>	<b>\$ 214</b>		
<b>Total Cost per Autopsy</b>	<b>\$ 1,194</b>		

	2009	2010	2011
	\$ 1,230	\$ 1,267	\$ 1,305