

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner-PA

SUBMITTAL DATE:
03/18/05

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 837 Setting A Fee Charged by
the Coroner for the Performance of Autopsies

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors introduce and set for public hearing on or about June 14, 2005, and thereafter adopt Ordinance No. 837 (An Ordinance of the County of Riverside authorizing the Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator to charge a fee of \$2,074 for the performance of an autopsy).

BACKGROUND: (Continued on Page 2)
BR 05-072

Departmental Concurrence

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

APR 27 2005

BY *Rebecca*

Janis K Coulter for
Bob Doyle, Sheriff-Coroner-PA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	No estimate	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 2004-05

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Reimbursement for Coroner's Services	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature *Sally A. Seamus*

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
ROBERT E. BYRD, Auditor-Controller
BY *[Signature]* Deputy

Consent
 Policy
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 Dep't Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | District: All | Agenda Number:

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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Pursuant to California Government Code Section 27520, the Coroner shall perform an autopsy on a decedent if requested to do so, in writing, by a family member. If there is no surviving spouse, child or parent, this request for an autopsy may be made by the decedent's next of kin. The requesting person shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the Coroner for the performance of the autopsy. Currently, the Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator is charging a fee of \$2,000 for each autopsy, performed in response to a family request.

Sheriff's staff has calculated the current cost for the Coroner to perform an autopsy in Riverside County at \$2074. This calculation includes direct costs for County salaries, benefits and materials and indirect costs.

The Sheriff's Department recommends that the Board adopt Ordinance 837, authorizing the Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator to charge a fee of \$2074 for the performance of autopsies when requested by a family member of the decedent. In FY 2003-04, the Coroner's staff performed 1,092 autopsies, of which, only three were requested by a family member.

2 ORDINANCE NO. 837

3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE SETTING
4 A FEE CHARGED BY THE CORONER FOR AUTOPSIES

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6 The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, do ordain as
7 follows:

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9 **Section 1.** Pursuant to the Government Code Section 27520, the Coroner shall perform
10 an autopsy on a decedent if requested to do so, in writing, by a family member. If there is no
11 surviving spouse, child or parent, this request for an autopsy may be made by the decedent's next
12 of kin. The requesting person shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the Coroner for the
13 performance of the autopsy.

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15 **Section 2.** The Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator is hereby authorized to charge
16 \$2,074 for autopsies when the decedent's family or next of kin requests the performance.

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18 **Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after the date of adoption.
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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
2 OF RIVERISDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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4 By: _____
5 Chairperson, Riverside County Board of Supervisors
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8 ATTEST:
9 CLERK OF THE BOARD
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11 By: _____
12 Deputy

13 Date: _____
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