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ORDINANCE NO. 5120

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE OF A BODY BY THE CORONER**

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO DOES
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING EL DORADO COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE
TITLE 8 – PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY,
SECTION 8.20.100 - CORONER FEES**

Sections amended:

8.20.100 – Coroner Fees

Section 1. El Dorado County Ordinance Code Title 8 – Public Health and Safety, Chapter 8.20 – Cemeteries, section 8.20.100 – Coroner fees, is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

Chapter 8.20 – CEMETERIES

Sec. 8.20.100 – Coroner fees.

- A. The fee to be charged for embalming or cremation of bodies which have been taken into custody of the County Coroner pursuant to law shall be authorized by statute or Board of Supervisors resolution. In those cases where the decedent's next of kin cannot be located within a reasonable period of time after the body has been taken into custody by the Coroner, the fee shall be authorized by statute or Board of Supervisors resolution.
- B. Whenever the Coroner takes custody of a body pursuant to law, the Coroner shall charge and collect from the person entitled to control the disposition of

the body, including those specified in Health and Safety Code Section 7100, a fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), as authorized by Government Code Section 27472 and increased pursuant to Government Code Section 54985, for removing the body from the place of death and keeping the body until its release to the person responsible for its internment. Said fee shall not be charged in any of the following circumstances:

1. The person entitled to control of the disposition of the body claims and proves to be indigent;
 2. The body is that of a person under the age of fourteen (14);
 3. The Coroner ascribes the death to the criminal act of another unless the Coroner has reasonable cause to believe that the deceased was involved in any criminal activity which contributed to his or her death; or
 4. The Coroner takes custody of a body over the objection of the person entitled to control its disposition and the Coroner later determines, at the Coroner's sole discretion, that it was not necessary to take custody of the body.
- C. The fee authorized by paragraph B of this section, if not paid, shall be considered a part of the funeral expenses and paid as a preferred charge against the estate of the decedent, pursuant to Government Code Section 27472.
- D. Remains will be stored in the Morgue facility at no charge up to forty – eight hours (48) after notification to the next of kin that remains are released for disposition. If the remains are not picked up forty - eight hours (48) after notification a storage fee of twenty dollars (\$20) per day will be assessed to offset costs associated with storing the body.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and shall become effective thirty (30) days following adoption hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 14 day of April, 2020, by the following vote of said Board:

ATTEST

Ayes: Hidahl, Frentzen, Veerkamp, Parlin, Novasel

Kim Dawson

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 
Deputy Clerk

Noes: None

Absent: None


Brian K. Veerkamp
Chair, Board of Supervisors

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
DAVID LIVINGSTON
COUNTY COUNSEL**

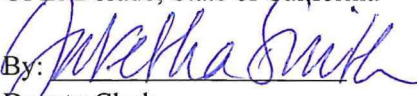
By: 
Stephen L. Mansell, Sr. Deputy County Counsel

I CERTIFY THAT:

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: 4/14/20

Attest: Kim Dawson, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County Of El Dorado, State of California

By: 
Deputy Clerk