



RESOLUTION NO.

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) is authorized to adopt new fees, fee levels, and charges, pursuant to California Constitution Article XI, Section 11, Government Code Sections 54985 and 66018, and County Ordinance Code Section 1.04.260;

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2017, the Board approved the current Public Guardian fee structure via Resolution 142-2017, which have been in effect since September 12, 2017 (Legistar file 16-0805);

WHEREAS, in 2024, County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) commissioned a fee study conducted by MGT Consulting for the Public Guardian's Office to review and analyze the current fee structure established via Resolution 142-2017. The primary goals of the study were to determine the actual cost to the County for providing fee-related services, to identify services where fees should be collected, to recommend adjustments to fees based on full cost recovery and other economic or policy considerations, and to develop revenue projections based on proposed changes;

WHEREAS, the fee study included a comprehensive review of Public Guardian operations, including personnel, indirect and overhead costs, supervision, and equipment, as well as comparison with prevailing fees in surrounding counties. The study concluded that transitioning from an hourly rate to flat fees would improve cost transparency for clients, reduce administrative burden on staff, and has the potential to increase Public Guardian's revenues;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2025, the Board received and filed the fee study report dated June 2024 performed by MGT Consulting for HHSA's Public Guardian fee-related services, and received a presentation from staff outlining the proposed changes to Public Guardian fees, including the recommendations to transition from an hourly rate to flat fees (Legistar file 25-0144);

WHEREAS, the Public Guardian fees will be automatically adjusted at the beginning of each Fiscal Year based on the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) approved Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), Western Region. This index reflects changes in the cost of living by tracking price fluctuations across a broad range of consumer goods and services, including housing, food, transportation, medical care, education, and other essential categories relevant to the County's cost of service delivery. The annual CPI adjustment applies to all applicable Public Guardian fees listed in Exhibit A and is intended to ensure that the County's fee structure remains aligned with inflationary trends and the actual cost of providing services. This mechanism supports the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Public Guardian program and reduces the need for frequent Board action to revise the fee schedule;

WHEREAS, in accordance with California Probate Code 2942 and California Rules of Court 7.756, the court may reduce, defer or waive fees based on factors such as the size and nature of the conservatee's or ward's estate, or their current and potential financial resources. The court also retains discretion to defer payment until the conservatee's or ward's passing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for Public Guardian services provided to individuals who are Public Guardian clients at the time of the execution of this Resolution, the fees, fee levels, and charges attached hereto as Exhibit A, "Public Guardian Fee Schedule" shall be implemented at the start of their next accounting period and shall supersede any and all prior Public Guardian fees of the types governed by this Resolution and Exhibit A;

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for Public Guardian services provided to individuals who are not clients of the Public Guardian at the time of the execution of this Resolution, the fees, fee levels, and charges attached hereto as Exhibit A, "Public Guardian Fee Schedule", shall be implemented and shall supersede any and all prior Public Guardian fees of the types governed by this Resolution, and Exhibit A effective sixty (60) days from the execution of this Resolution, in accordance with California Government Code Section 66017(a), which requires a minimum 60-day waiting period for the implementation of new or increased fees. During this 60-day period, the Public Guardian fees established under prior resolutions shall remain in effect for these individuals;

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Public Guardian, with approval by County Counsel, are granted authority to reduce or waive Public Guardian fees, either as negotiated with the Public Defender, or as ordered by the court. This authority applies to fees established under this Resolution and any prior resolutions, ensuring continuity in the County's ability to address fee waivers for services rendered before the adoption of this Resolution; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that other than as expressly set forth herein, Resolution 142-2017 is hereby replaced and superseded by this Resolution in its entirety.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 6th day of January 2026, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:

Kim Dawson

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Deputy Clerk

George Turnboo, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A
Public Guardian Fee Schedule

Fee Description	Unit	Rate
Case Enrollment Fee	One-time	\$807
Estate/Trust Management Fee	Annual	\$648
Per Year Fee	Annual	\$1,500
Per Hour Fee (only if total annual hourly rate is less than annual flat rate)	Hour	\$149
Extraordinary Compensation Fee as defined by 2016 California Rules of Court, Rule 7.703	Hour	\$156

These rates will be annually adjusted automatically at the beginning of the County of El Dorado Fiscal Year (July 1) to reflect the current United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), Western Region.