

**ORDINANCE NO. ~~2009~~—37 2011 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, RELATING TO FORENSIC SCIENCE,  
REPEALING THE CURRENT FEE SCHEDULES AND ESTABLISHING  
NEW FEES FOR THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SERVICES**

**Whereas**, it is the intent of this Ordinance to establish a fee schedule for services provided by the Pima County Medical Examiner’s Department, Forensic Science Center in an amount sufficient to defray costs and to maintain a level of resources that is commensurate with demands for services.

**Whereas**, on April 21, 2009, Pima County adopted Ordinance 2009 - 37, which adopted fees for Pima County Medical Examiner’s Department, Forensic Science Center services.

**Whereas**, Pima County wishes to adopt a new fee schedule.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Section 1.** That the Pima County Medical Examiner’s Department, Forensic Science Center fee schedule is adopted to read as follows:

- A. Procedures for counties other than Pima;
  - 1. Autopsies (rated according to degree of complexity):
    - a. Category “A”: ~~\$1,639.00~~ **\$ 1,750.00** per autopsy.
    - b. Category “B”: ~~\$1,817.00~~ **\$ 1,900.00** per autopsy.
    - c. Category “C”: ~~\$2,104.00~~ **\$ 2,200.00** per autopsy.
    - d. Category “D”: ~~\$2,391.00~~ **\$ 2,500.00** per autopsy.
  - 2. External Examinations - ~~\$ 411.00~~ **\$ 500.00** per examination.
  - 3. External Examinations with toxicology ~~\$684.00~~ **\$ 750.00** per examination.
  - 4. **X-Ray Services \$ 75.00 per decedent (includes copies on CD)**

- B. Cremation authorization - ~~\$25.00~~ **\$30.00** per authorization.
- C. Pathologists fees - \$325.00 per hour plus travel and per diem.
- D. Autopsy Reports;
  - 1. Commercial users: ~~\$100.00~~ **\$125.00** for each report.
  - 2. Non-commercial users: ~~\$3.00~~ **\$5.00** for each report.
  - 3. Family Members, Health Care Providers (i.e. hospitals & physicians); Social Service Agencies, etc. first report no charge.
- E. Copy Fees;
  - 1. Tissue Slides: ~~\$20.00~~ **\$25.00** per slide.
  - 2. Kodachrome slides: ~~\$5.00~~ **\$7.00** per slide.
  - 3. Photographs: \$1.00 each print.  
 Photographs on and/or **X-rays per CD: \$10.00 to \$30.00 (1-5 Photos and/or x-rays); \$20.00 (6-10 photos and/or x-rays); and \$30.00 (10 or more photos and/or x-rays).**
  - 4. Copies for documents other than autopsy reports: ~~\$0.15~~ **\$0.25** per page photocopied.  
 Document Copies on CD: ~~\$10.00 to \$30.00~~ **(1-10 pages) \$20.00 (11-20 pages) and \$30.00 (21 or more pages).**
- F. Funeral Directors or the funeral establishment they are associated with will supply body bags to replace those in which they receive decedents. Body bags are to be of same type and quality as received. In lieu of this body bag exchange, the Funeral Director or funeral establishment may pay ~~\$25.00~~ **\$50.00** per body bag.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after adoption by the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

**Section 3.** Ordinance No. 2009 - 37 is hereby repealed as of the effective date of Ordinance No. 2011 - \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 4.** If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given meaning without the invalid provision.

**Passed and Adopted** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

Pima County Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, Ramon Valadez

Attest:

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Lori Godoshian  
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

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Barbara Burstein  
Deputy County Attorney