

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Orange County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing for the first reading of an Ordinance increasing the fee charged to recover the costs of removing and keeping dead bodies from \$318 to \$358.

DATE OF HEARING: August 24, 2021

TIME OF HEARING: 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible

LOCATION OF HEARING: Board of Supervisors Hearing Room,
Hall of Administration
10 Civic Center Plaza
(NW corner of Broadway and Santa Ana Blvd.)
Santa Ana, CA

PROPOSAL:

In accordance with Section 21080(b)(8) of the California Public Resources Code, the proposed administrative fees identified in the supporting information are only for the purpose of meeting operating expenses and are, therefore, exempt from compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Government Code Section 27472 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to establish a fee of up to \$100 to be collected by the Coroner for removing a dead body from the place of death and keeping the body until it is released to the person responsible for its interment. Government Code Section 54985 authorizes and prescribes the procedure for the Board to increase the amount of a fee for which a statute prescribes a certain amount, as necessary to recover the cost of providing the product or service for which the fee is levied. Therefore, the Board may adopt a fee for removing and keeping dead bodies in an amount greater than that prescribed in Government Code Section 27472, if the greater amount is necessary to recover the costs of providing the service. A cost study was recently conducted by Sheriff-Coroner staff, and it has been determined that in order for the fee to reflect full cost recovery related to the services provided, it is necessary to increase the fee for removal and keeping of a dead body from \$318 to \$358. This amount reflects full cost recovery and includes salaries, benefits, services, supplies and overhead. The fee also includes the cost to the County for contracted body transportation services.

The new fee would take effect 30 days from its adoption.

INVITATION TO BE HEARD:

All persons either favoring or opposing this proposal are invited to present their views before the Board of Supervisors.

Any written materials to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board at least 24 hours prior to the hearing (six copies are required).

For further information regarding this item, please call Director Noma Crook (714) 834-6681 or Administrative Manager Christian Abueg (714) 834-2214 of the Sheriff-Coroner Department.