

**DANE COUNTY  
POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE**

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Sponsor: Rusk		Resolution No. _____
Vote Required:		Ordinance Amendment No. _____
Majority	Two-Thirds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

Amending Chapter 62 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances, Revising the Medical Examiner's Cremation Fees

**Policy Analysis Statement:**

Brief Description of Proposal -

The ordinance amendment increases the fee for services related to issuing a cremation certificate to \$350. The amendment also creates a new fee of \$150 for services related to issuing a medical certification of death. The amendment further specifies that these fees would be waived for individuals who would qualify for funeral expenses to be paid by the State of Wisconsin. A 2/3 vote is required under County ordinance 7.61(1)M.

Current Policy or Practice -

The County currently charges \$285 for services related to issuing a cremation certificate. No fee is currently charged for services related to issuing a medical certification of death.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

Increasing the cremation fee to \$350 per certificate would generate an additional \$123,500 in annual revenue based on an estimated 1,900 cremation certificates issued annually. Establishing a fee of \$150 per certification for services related to issuing a medical certification of death would generate an additional \$60,000 based on approximately 400 certifications issued annually.

**Fiscal Estimate:**

Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -

- No Fiscal Effect
- Results in Revenue Increase
- Results in Expenditure Increase
- Results in Revenue Decrease
- Results in Expenditure Decrease

Budget Effect (check all that apply)

- No Budget Effect
  - Increases Rev. Budget
  - Increases Exp. Budget
  - Decreases Rev. Budget
  - Decreases Exp. Budget
  - Increases Position Authority
  - Decreases Position Authority
- Note: if any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required

**Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:**

The fees established by the ordinance amendment will continue to generate additional revenue to the County.

**Expenditure/Revenue Changes:**

	Current Year		Annualized			Current Year		Annualized	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures -					Revenues -				
Personal Services					County Taxes				
Operating Expenses					Federal				
Contractual Services					State				
Capital					Other	\$91,750		\$183,500	
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$91,750	\$0	\$183,500	\$0

**Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:**

The ordinance amendment has no direct impact on personnel.

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