ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 2 - Administration of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the fee charged by the department of coroner to the person entitled to the control and disposition of the remains for the actual expense incurred by the coroner when removing the body from the place of death and keeping the body until its release.

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Requested: 06-04-10
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ORDINANCE NO. 2011-0009

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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.22.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.22.100 Charge for removing and keeping dead bodies.

A. Pursuant to Section 27472 of the Government Code, whenever custody of a dead body is taken by the department of coroner pursuant to law, the director may charge and collect from the person entitled to control the disposition of the remains, as specified in Section 7100 of the Health and Safety Code, the actual expense incurred by the coroner in removing the body from the place of death and keeping the body until its release to the person responsible for its interment. The charge shall be an amount not to exceed four hundred dollars ($~~2~~400.00)~~,~~. The charge shall not be imposed upon a person who claims and proves to be indigent, and shall not include expenses of keeping the body during the time necessary for the chief medical examiner-coroner to perform his or her duties in connection with it. The charge shall not be imposed in cases in which the body is that of a child no more than fourteen (14) years of age, or in cases in which the coroner ascribes the death to the criminal act of another unless the coroner has reasonable grounds to believe that the deceased was involved in any criminal activity which contributed to his or her own death. The charge, if not paid, may be

considered a part of the funeral expenses and paid as a preferred charge against the estate of the decedent.

B. The director shall determine when the charge authorized hereby will be imposed and the amount thereof. No charge shall be imposed if private charitable funds available to pay funeral costs would thereby be reduced so as to preclude payment of the costs from such funds. ~~No charge shall be imposed on persons who are determined to be indigent.~~

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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be published in The Daily Commerce a newspaper printed and published in the County of Los Angeles.

Mike Antonovich
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer -
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

I hereby certify that at its meeting of March 22, 2011 the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County of Los Angeles by the following vote, to wit:

	Ayes		Noes
Supervisors	Gloria Molina	Supervisors	None
	Mark Ridley-Thomas		
	Zev Yaroslavsky		
	Don Knabe		
	Michael D. Antonovich		

Effective Date: April 21, 2011

~~Operative Date:~~

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer -
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 25103 of the Government Code, delivery of this document has been made.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

By Leela Kapur
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Chief Deputy County Counsel

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