COUNTY of GALVESTON
COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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June 22, 2026

Honorable County Judge
Honorable County Commissioners' Court
Galveston County Courthouse
Galveston, Texas 77550

RE: Medical Examiner's Office Request for Updated Fee Schedule (Effective August 1, 2026)

Gentlemen,

The Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office (GCME) has requested approval of an updated fee schedule for administrative and records-related services. The Commissioners Court is authorized to set these fees under **Article 49.25 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure**, **Texas Health & Safety Code §671.013**, and **1 TAC §70.3**. The updated schedule maintains statutory compliance, aligns with peer counties, and supports cost-recovery for services provided to the public, insurers, and legal requestors.

Consistent with statute and prior County practice, no fees will be assessed to law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, district attorneys, or other governmental entities requesting information in the course of official duties.

Recommendation:

1. **Approve** the updated Medical Examiner's Office fee schedule as presented.
2. **Authorize** the Medical Examiner to implement the schedule on August 1, 2026.

Sincerely,

Veronica Van Horn

Veronica Van Horn
Legal Services Manager

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEES OF GALVESTON COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

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On this day, the 22nd of June 2026, the Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas, convened in a **Specially Scheduled Meeting** with the following members present:

Mark Henry, County Judge;
Darrell Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 1;
Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2;
Hank Dugie, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3;
Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and
Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to-wit:

Whereas, in accordance with Article 49.25 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and upon approval by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas (the "Commissioners Court"), the Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office is authorized to charge reasonable fees for services provided by the Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office, including cremation approvals, court testimonies, consultations, and depositions;

Whereas, in accordance with Section 671.013 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the Commissioners Court is authorized to establish a fee to be charged for a copy of the autopsy report of an amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing the copy, not to exceed $25.00;

Whereas, in accordance with Section 671.013 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the Commissioners Court is authorized to establish a fee to be charged for providing a copy of x-rays and photographs of the actual cost of reproduction, including the reasonable cost of overhead; and

Whereas, the Commissioners Court wishes to authorize reasonable fees to be charged by the Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office pursuant to Article 49.25 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and Section 671.013 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

Now Therefore, be it RESOLVED, by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas, that the following fees are hereby **APPROVED** and **AUTHORIZED** to be charged by the Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office effective August 1, 2026:

1.	**Autopsy Reports (including toxicology):**	**$25.00**
2.	**Cremation Approvals:**	**$25.00**
3.	**Certified Reports/Business Records Affidavit:**	**$25.00**
4.	**Deposition by Written Questions (certified response):**	**$25.00**
5.	**Digital Images and/or X-rays (CD):**	**$50.00**

6.	**Notarization of Documents:**	**$10.00**
7.	**Insurance/Physician Statement:**	**$45.00**
8.	**Noncontagious Disease Letter:**	**$10.00**
9.	**Confirmation of Death Letter:**	**$25.00**
10.	**Express Shipping (if requested):**	**$25.00**

11. **Records production charges for Public Information requests will follow Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §70.3, including:**
    a. **Paper Copies up to the threshold: $0.10 per page**
    b. **For records production exceeding 50 pages: $0.10 per page plus labor at $15.00/hour and overhead at 20% of labor cost, consistent with TAC §70.3**

No fees may be assessed against a law enforcement agency, criminal justice agency, district attorney's office, criminal district attorney's office, or other county, city, or state agency or office requesting such autopsy information in the course of its performance of its official functions; and

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas, that the County Judge of Galveston County, Texas, is hereby AUTHORIZED to execute this Resolution on behalf of the Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas.

Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded, the above Resolution is hereby **ADOPTED**, on this, the 22nd day of June 2026.

COUNTY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, By:

Mark Henry, County Judge

ATTEST:

Dwight D. Sullivan,
County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas

MEDICAL EXAMINER OFFICE

GALVESTON COUNTY

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409-770-5236

LA MARQUE, TEXAS 77568
FAX: 409-770-5239

Erin Barnhart, M.D.
Chief Medical Examiner

Monica Patel, D.O.
Deputy Medical Examiner

June 2, 2026

Subject: Request for Consideration — Medical Examiner's Office Proposal for Fee Schedule (Agenda Item)

Honorable Commissioners Court,

The Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office respectfully requests placement on the Commissioners Court agenda to consider and approve an updated fee schedule for services beginning August 1, 2026.

Purpose

- Align fees with statutory authority and cost-recovery principles.
- Reflect benchmarked rates from peer Texas counties for comparable services.
- Ensure sustainable funding for records production, certifications, and ancillary services.

Statutory Authority

- Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 49.25, Section 13a: authorizes a commissioner's court to set and collect fees for copies of autopsy reports and related records maintained by a medical examiner, including labor and overhead components, and permits reasonable charges consistent with law.
- Texas Health and Safety Code §671.013: authorizes fees related to death records, reports, and services performed by medical examiners and governs access and release provisions tied to such records.
- Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Part 3, §70.3 (Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Cost of Copies of Public Information): establishes allowable charges for public information requests, including per-page copy charges, labor after applicable thresholds, electronic media, and overhead percentages.

Summary of Proposed Fees (selected items)

- Autopsy Report: $25.00
- Cremation Approvals: $25.00
- Certified Reports/Business Records Affidavit: $25.00
- Deposition by Written Questions (certified response): $25.00
- Digital Images and/or X-rays (CD): $50.00
- Notarization of Documents: $10.00
- Insurance/Physician Statement: $45.00
- Noncontagious Disease Letter: $10.00

- Confirmation of Death Letter: $25.00
- Express Shipping (if requested): $25.00
- Records production charges for public information requests will follow TAC §70.3, including:
    - Paper copies up to the threshold: $0.10 per page.
    - For records production exceeding 50 pages: $0.10 per page plus labor at $15/hour and overhead at 20% of labor cost, consistent with TAC §70.3.

Rationale

- Benchmarking indicates proposed fees are within the range charged by Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Lubbock, Montgomery, Nueces, Tarrant, and Travis counties for similar services.
- The schedule preserves public access while recovering reasonable costs for staff time, materials, and secure handling of sensitive records.
- Clear, published fees improve transparency and predictability for families, insurers, legal requestors, and partner agencies.

Requested Court Action

- Approve the Medical Examiner's Office Fee Schedule as listed above, with records-production charges governed by TAC §70.3.
- Authorize the Medical Examiner to implement the schedule effective the first day of August 2026, update related public notices and website pages, and make non-substantive administrative adjustments required by amendments to TAC §70.3 or other controlling statutes.

Fiscal Impact

- Modest revenue stabilization from cost-recovery; no additional budget appropriation requested at this time.

Attachments

- Fee-for-Service comparison matrix (peer Texas counties)
- Proposed Galveston County Professional Fee Schedule (CY2026)
- Citations: Tex. Code Crim. Proc. art. 49.25 §13a; Tex. Health & Safety Code §671.013; 1 TAC §70.3

Prepared by: Nychole Upton, Sr. Administrative Manager, Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office snupton@utmb.edu 409-77-5236

CY2026 FEE FOR SERVICE COMPARISON

COUNTY	BEXAR	DALLAS	HARRIS	LUBBOCK	MONTGOMERY	NUECES	TARRANT	TRAVIS
Autopsy Report	$ 25.00	$ 5.00		$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ 20.00	$ 25.00
Reproduction of Records (Tex. Admin Code, Rule 70.3)	.10 per page	.10 per page	.10 per page	.10 per page	.10 per page	.10 per page	.10 per page	.10 per page
For Records Production > 50 paper pages	.10 per page +	.10 per page +	.10 per page +	.10 per page +	.10 per page +	.10 per page +	.10 per page +	.10 per page +
Labor	$15/hr+	$15/hr+	$15/hr+	$15/hr+	$15/hr+	$15/hr+	$15/hr+	$15/hr+
Overhead	20% of Labor cost	20% of Labor cost	20% of Labor cost	20% of Labor cost	20% of Labor cost	20% of Labor cost	20% of Labor cost	20% of Labor cost
Cremation Approvals	$ 25.00	$ 30.00	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ 30.00	$ 35.00	$ 25.00
Certified Reports/Business Records Affidavit		$ 10.00		$ 35.00	$ 10.00	$ 50.00	$ 145.00	$ 50.00
Written Questions								$ 50.00
Death Investigation Report								$ 5.00
Electronic Digital Images - CD				$ 20.00			$ 200.00	$ 30.00
Electronic Digital Xrays - CD				$ 20.00			$ 200.00	$ 30.00
Notarization of Documents	$ 10.00			$ 10.00			$ 145.00	
Insurance/Physician Statement	$ 45.00							
Non Contagious Disease Letter		$ 20.00						
Confirmation of Death Letter		$ 5.00			*mctx.org online portal*			

PROPOSED GALVESTON COUNTY PROFESSIONAL FEE SCHEDULE			
			CY QTY (estimate)
Autopsy Report (Tex. Health and SafetyCode 671.013)	$ 25.00	Approved by Commissioner's Court December 2016	100
Reproduction of Records (Tex. Admin Code, Rule 70.3)	.10 per page		100
For Records Production > 50 paper pages	.10 per page +		
Labor	$15/hr+		
Overhead	20% of Labor cost		
Cremation Approvals	$ 25.00		300
Certified Reports/ Business Records Affidavit	$ 25.00		50-75
Deposition by Written Questions	$ 25.00		50-75
Digital Images and or Xrays - CD	$ 25.00		50-75
Notarization of Documents	$ 10.00		25
Insurance/Physician Statement	$ 45.00		10
NonContagious Disease Letter	$ 10.00		25
Confirmation of Death Letter	$ 10.00		150
Express Shipping	$ 25.00		50-75

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEES OF
GALVESTON COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

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On this, the 20th day of December, 2016, the Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas convened in a **Regularly Scheduled Meeting** with the following members present:

Mark Henry, County Judge;
Ryan L. Dennard, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 1;
Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2;
Stephen D. Holmes, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3;
Kenneth Clark, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and
Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to-wit:

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Now Therefore, be it RESOLVED, by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas, that the following fees are hereby **APPROVED** and **AUTHORIZED** to be charged by the Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office:

1. **Autopsy Reports (including toxicology) - $25.00.** The Commissioners Court approves a fee of **$25.00** to be charged by the Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office for providing a copy of an autopsy report with its accompanying toxicology report or without

the toxicology report if such toxicology report is unavailable. The fee for such copy authorized under this subsection is and shall be effective immediately. Provided however, that no fee may be assessed against a law enforcement agency, criminal justice agency, district attorney's office, criminal district attorney's office, or other county, city, or state agency or office requesting such autopsy information in the course of its performance of its official functions; and

2. **X-Rays and Photographs – Actual cost of reproduction by UTMB, including the reasonable cost of overhead**. The Commissioners Court approves a fee of the actual cost of reproduction, including the reasonable cost of overhead, for providing a copy of x-rays and photographs where such copy is to be provided as an x-ray or photograph. Such cost, as represented by the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, is the actual cost of reproduction, including the reasonable cost of overhead. The fee for such production under this subsection is and shall be effective immediately. Provided however, that no fee may be assessed against a law enforcement agency, criminal justice agency, district attorney's office, criminal district attorney's office, or other county, city, or state agency or office requesting such photographs and/or x-rays in the course of its performance of its official functions.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas, that the County Judge of Galveston County, Texas is hereby AUTHORIZED to execute this Resolution on behalf of the Commissioners Court of Galveston County, Texas.

Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded, the above Resolution is hereby **ADOPTED**, on this, the 20th day of December, 2016.

COUNTY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, By:

Mark Henry, County Judge

ATTEST:

Dwight D. Sullivan,
County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas

By: Renee H. Edgar Deputy

Renee H. Edgar

Medical Examiner's Fee Schedule

Bexar Co.

Code	Administrative Fees (Analysis/Examination/Service Charge)	Fee
1001	Reports (Autopsy & Toxicology in accordance with HS Title 8, Chapter 671.013 ©(1))	$25.00
1002	Certified Reports	$35.00
1003	Certification of Documents (Affidavits)	$10.00
1004	Notarization of Documents	$10.00
1005	Insurance/Physician Statement, including Autopsy Report	$45.00
1006	Copy Charge per Page	$00.10
1013	Cremation Certificates	$25.00
1014	Evidence Shipping Fees (includes processing)	$50.00
1015	Subpoena Fees	$1.00
1016	Records research (labor) fee (per hour)	$15.00

Code	Autopsy Services (Analysis/Examination/Service)	Fee
1101	Out-of-County (OOC) Complete Autopsy or Full Anthropology examination to biologic profile, and trauma analysis and maceration (if needed).	$2,500.00
1102	Out-of-County Complicated Cases (as determined by Chief Medical Examiner)	$3,000.00
1103	Out-of-County External Examination or Cranial Only Autopsy examination or Anthropology examination (biologic profile only) and/or Skeletal reconstruction of fragmented remains	$1,250.00
1105	Storage Fee - Regular decedents per day (after 24 hours of notification that case is ready or cases brought in for storage only; 48 hours for OOC case)	$50.00
1106	Microscopic Slides (each)	$20.00
1107	Storage Fee - Decomposed decedents per day (after 24 hours of notification that case is ready or cases brought in for storage only; 48 hours for OOC case)	$100.00
1108	Anthropology examination – full; includes biologic profile and maceration (if needed)	$2,500.00
1109	Anthropology examination – Identification (dental or radiologic); only available in combination with full Anthropology examination or Autopsy examination	$500.00
1110	Anthropologic skeletal reconstruction of fragmented remains	$1,000.00

https://www.bexar.org/1450/Fee-Schedules

https://mctx.org/departments/departments_d_-_f/forensics/legal_request.php

https://www.paystar.co/MakePayment/SubInput/599

Dallas County
Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences
at Dallas

2355 North Stemmons Frwy.
Dallas, Texas 75207
Phone: 214.920.5900

Office of the Medical Examiner Service Fees

Code		Service Description	Fee
3312	1000	Autopsy - Level I	2475
3312	1007	Autopsy - Level II	3160
3312	1018	Autopsy - Level III	3740
3312	1019	Autopsy – Partial	1950
3312	1001	External Examination	1325
3312	1002	Expert Witness(hearing, trial) - criminal case/per 1/2 day	865
3312	1003	Expert Consult (case review, meeting) - civil or non-IFS case/per hour	460
3312	1006	Photomicroscopy of Tissue Specimens/per hour	63
3312	1008	Expert Consult (case review, meeting) - criminal case/per hour	259
3312	1009	Expert Witness (deposition, hearing, trial) - civil or non-IFS case/per hour	635
3312	1011	Anthropology Autopsy Consult - Brief	1179
3312	1012	Anthropology Autopsy Consult - Intermediate	1438
3312	1013	Anthropology Autopsy Consult - Advanced	2875
3312	1014	Anthropology Species Determination	230
3312	1015	Anthropology Radiographic Comparison	460
3312	1016	Anthropology Expert Witness (deposition, trial) - per ½ day	420
3312	1017	Anthropology Expert Consult - per hour	115
3312	1200	Autopsy/External Examination Report - Notarized Copy	15
3312	1201	Autopsy/External Examination Report - Copy	5
3312	1202	Cremation Certificate	30
3312	1203	Interrogatory/response	25
3312	1204	Proof of Death Certificate	5
3312	1205	Cause of Death Report	5
3312	1206	Non-Contagious Disease Certification letter	20
3312	1207	Affidavit	10
3312	1208	Death Certificate/OME portion, Replacement	20
3312	1209	Copy charge - miscellaneous/per page	0.1
3312	1210	CD copy charge	1
3312	1211	DVD copy charge	3
3312	1301	Color print from slide - 8" x 10"	7
3312	1302	Color print from digital image - 8" x 10"	3
3312	1400	Histology/recut/H&E stain/per slide	9
3312	1402	Histology/recut/special stain-level 2/per slide	25
3312	1403	Histology/recut/special stain-level 3/per slide	48
3312	1404	Histology/recut/special stain-level 4/per slide	90
3312	1500	Evidence Shipping/Destruction/per package	32
3312	1502	Use of Institute facilities	173
3312	1503	Indigent cremation - adult reimbursement	500
3312	1504	Support staff services/per hour	15
3312	1505	Mileage/per diem reimbursement (IFS staff travel for other jurisdictions)/per unit	1
3312	1506	Reimbursement - external agency services/per unit	1
3312	1507	Indigent cremation - infant/skeletonized reimbursement	125
3312	1508	Indigent burial - adult reimbursement	3240
3312	1509	Indigent burial - infant/skeletonized reimbursement	1740

Payment is required in advance (two hours minimum) for all services provided to private attorneys and any costs in excess of the minimum are payable at the time service is rendered. At the discretion of the Director, payment may be required before any service is rendered. *Effective May 1, 2025*

HARRIS COUNTY
INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES
SCIENCE. SERVICE. INTEGRITY.

Luis A. Sanchez, M.D.
Executive Director &
Chief Medical Examiner

(PROPOSED)

HCIFS Fee Schedule – Medical Examiner Services

Effective January 1, 2024

Service Description	Unit Pricing	Fees	Previous Fees
Post Mortem Examinations			
Full Autopsy	Case	$ 3,855	$2,887
External Examination	Case	$ 2,690	$1,161
Decedent Storage	Day	$ 50	$45
Records: Reports, Permits, & Photo Reprints			
Copy Charge per Open Records ✓	Page	$ 0.10	$0.10
Images on CD ✓	Each	$ 28	$11
Notarization of Document (Plus copy charge) ✓	Document	$ 11	$7
Certification (Plus copy charge)	Each	$ 11	n/a
Subpoena/Court Order Document Processing Fee (plus copy charge)	Each	$ 90	$55
Cremation Waivers ✓	Each	$ 25	$20
Estimated Shipping for Documents	Each	$ 2	n/a
Estimated Shipping for Media (CD)	Each	$ 4	n/a
Professional Services			
Medical Examiner Expert Witness Testimony/Consultation/Deposition			
Medical Examiner, Deposition/Testimony/Consultation/Preparation (including Travel & Waiting time; 2 hour minimum)	Hourly	$ 194	$139
Anthropology Expert Witness Testimony/Consultation			
Anthropologist, Deposition/Testimony/Consultation/Preparation (including Travel & Waiting time; 2 hour minimum)	Hourly	$ 78	$70
Investigation Expert Witness Testimony/Consultation			
Investigator/Entomologist, Deposition/Testimony/Consultation/Preparation (including Travel & Waiting time; 2 hour minimum)	Hourly	$ 53	$37
Histology			
Medical Examiner Professional Evaluation Fee Per Case (in addition to cost of slides)	Fixed Fee	$ 194	n/a
Cost of Microscope Slide Recuts (each slide)	Each	$ 24	$9
Digital copy of Microscope Slides Processing fee (in addition to cost of thumbdrive(s))	Fixed Fee	$ 70	n/a
Digital copy of Microscope Slides Thumbdrive	Each	$ 25	n/a
Wet Tissue retention beyond 2 years	Each Month	$ 51	$38
Room setup fee for slide viewing	Fixed Fee	$ 51	n/a

Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office Fee Schedule FY 2026

Service	Fee	Statute or Code Reference	Details
Postmortem Examination/ Toxicology Report	$25 per Copy	*Health and Safety Code Section 671.013(c)(1); Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES*	*No charge to immediate, legal next of kin (family member responsible for signing the release of remains form) and inter-agencies for investigation purposes. The release of autopsy records may be exempt from disclosure under Government Code Section 552.108 for pending criminal investigations and/or prosecutions*
Certified Reports	$35 per Copy	*Health and Safety Code Section 671.013(c)(1)*	
Miscellaneous Records	$0.10 per Page	*Tex. Admin. Code Title 1, Part 3, Rule § 70.3; Rule §70.9*	

Service	Fee	Statute or Code Reference	Details
Cremation Authorization Certificate AKA Cremation Authorization Letter	$25 Each	*Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 §§ 13A: FEES; Art. 49.25, Sec. 10 Disinterment and Cremations*	*In Texas, the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP) Chapter 49, Article 49.25, Section 10, covers disinterment and cremation. This section mandates that before anyone can be lawfully cremated, the owner or operator of the crematory must be furnished with a certificate (letter) signed by the medical examiner of the county in which the death occurred. The certificate (letter) must indicate whether an autopsy was performed or was deemed unnecessary based on the circumstances surrounding the death. The medical examiner is responsible for determining if an autopsy is required and for issuing the necessary certificate (letter) to the crematory.*
Notarization of Documents	$10 Each	*Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES*	
Subpoena Witness Fee	$10 Each	*Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES*	

Service	Fee	Statute or Code Reference	Details
Specimen Storage Fee per Year	$75 per Case	*TAC §7.125(a)(5); Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES*	*Specimens may have different retention periods depending if the case is related to a criminal investigation/prosecution and/or depending on the age of the decedent. Requests to hold specimens past the two-year retention period must be submitted on letterhead yearly. (See Retention Policy).*
Body Hold Storage Fee- In County	$75/Day Starting on Day 6	*Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES*	*Approved by the Lubbock County Commissioner's Court on 12/27/2021, with an effective date of 02/01/2022.*

Out of County Postmortem Examination Fee	$3500 per Case	*Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES*	*Approved by the Lubbock County Commissioner's Court on 07/28/2025 with an effective date of 08/01/2025.*
Out of County Body Storage Fee	$50/Day Starting 24 Hours after the Postmortem Examination is Completed.	*Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES*	*Approved by the Lubbock County Commissioner's Court on 07/28/2025 with an effective date of 08/01/2025.*
Histology Slide Recuts	$9 per slide	*Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES*	
Postmortem Examination Images & Digital X-Rays on a Disc	$20 per disc	*Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 §13A: FEES; Art. 49.25, Sec. 11; Gov. Code Sec. 552.101*	*Confidential by law. May only be released to authorized agencies or with a court order or subpoena.*

All funds generated will go directly to the Lubbock County General Fund.

Requests for records may be subject to additional fees under the Texas Administrative Code Title 1, Chapter 70 and/or the Texas Public Information Act Chapter 552 Subchapter F.

Approved in Commissioner's Court 11/10/2025

Nueces County Medical Examiner's Office
2610 Hospital Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405
Phone: (361) 884-4994
24 hr. Death Reporting (361) 904-0411
Fax: (361) 883-5715

APPROVED FEE SCHEDULE REVISED 5/13/2024

Description of Service	Fee
Nueces County Only - Cremation permits ***(Texas Code of Crim. Proc. § 49.25 Sec 13A)***	$90.00
Forensic Pathologist pre-trial conference, deposition, testimony, travel (per hour) ***(Texas Code of Crim. Proc. § 49.25 Sec 13A)***	$395.00
Certified Business Records Affidavit fee including affidavits in civil matters or proof of death for insurance ***(C.C.P § 49.25 Sec 13A)***	$50.00
Autopsy / Examination report ***(Tex. Health & Safety Code § 671.013(c)(1))***	$25.00
Reproduction of Records ***(Tex. Admin. Code, Rule 70.3)***	
Standard Paper Copy/page	$0.10
Diskette or Compact Disk/disk	$1.00
Digital Video Disk/disk	$3.00
Other Electronic Media	at actual cost
For Records Production > 50 paper pages ***(Tex. Admin. Code, Rule 70.3)***	
Labor:	$15/hr.
Overhead:	20% of Labor cost
Evidence Shipping (to private lab, by arrangement, or to investigating agency - no long-term storage available on site)	at actual cost
Complete or partial autopsy - Pursuant to an emergency interlocal mutual aid request or through future interlocal agreements	at actual cost
*Other additional fees, as authorized by law, may apply.	at actual cost

Approved by Nueces County
Commissioner's Court
Date: 9-11-2024

MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE
AND FORENSIC LABORATORIES

Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office In-District Service Fees Applies to counties within the court approved TCME District: Tarrant, Parker, Johnson, Denton Effective 10/01/2025 - 09/30/2026				
Records				
5903	Autopsy/External Examination Report - Standard	each	$	20
5714	Autopsy/External Examination Report - Notarized Copy	each	$	25
5904	Mailing Fee	each	$	5
5713	Digital Photo/X-Ray CD	each	$	1
5716	Notarized Affidavit	each	$	15
5717	Evidence Photography and Digital X-Rays Labor Charge per hour	each	$	15
5718	Subpoena Witness Fee	each	$	11
5841	Federal Subpoena Witness Fee	each	$	40
5761	Miscellaneous Records Fee	each	$	0.10
Evidence and Property				
5719	Shipping Evidence or Property Fee	each	$	180
5720	Specimen Storage Fee per year	each	$	100
5721	Facility Utilization	per hour	$	275
Vital Statistics				
5722	Cremation Permit	each	$	35

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Fee Schedule

Service	Charge	Application
Reports	$25 for autopsy report	Everyone except JPs, interagency entities, Travis County legal next of kin
Certified Reports/Business Records Affidavit	$50 for certification of each request	Everyone except JPs, interagency entities, law enforcement, or legal next of kin of decedent
Interrogatory/Written Questions	$50	Everyone except District Attorney Offices (both Travis County and out of county) or legal next of kin of decedent
Investigation of Death Report	$5 per report	Everyone except JPs
Copy charge/page of paper	$.10 (will estimate in advance if charge over $40)	Everyone
Research/Statistical Reports/Questionnaires	$28.50 per hour programming time (will estimate in advance if charge over $40)	Everyone
Reproducing 35 mm photos	Actual costs	Everyone
Electronic Digital Images	$30 per CD	Everyone except District Attorney Offices (both Travis County and out of county) or Legal Next of Kin of decedent
Electronic digital x-rays/CT	$30 per CD	Everyone except District Attorney Offices (both Travis County and out of county) or Legal Next of Kin of decedent
Out of County Autopsy	$4,085	Counties other than Travis County (PA Cases)
Autopsy - External Examination	$1,267	Counties other than Travis County (PA Cases)
Out of County Court Testimony	Criminal $300/hr, including travel time (minimum of 2 hours)	Counties other than Travis County (PA Cases)
Hardcopies of Photographs (prior to 2005)	$1 per photo	Everyone
Re-cut Tissue Slides	$30 per slide	Everyone
Cremation Approvals	$25.00	Everyone except Travis County's District Attorney or a Travis County Office
Chart Review	$489	Counties other than Travis County (PA Cases)
Court Testimony Travis County Civil Cases	$500/hr	Everyone

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