



# COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 09/17/2024

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE TARRANT COUNTY  
MEDICAL EXAMINER FEE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve changes to the Medical Examiner's fee schedule effective October 1, 2024.

**BACKGROUND**

The Medical Examiner is requesting that the attached amended fee schedule be approved. The attached fee schedule, which reflects proposed increases and new services, is broken down into medical examiner services for district counties and non-district counties, and forensic laboratory services. Non-District counties will pay an additional five percent (5%) fee compared to district members for medical examiner services, including examinations, toxicology and histology services. The increase is requested to cover the costs associated with personnel, advanced scientific instrumentation and technology, and laboratory consumables.

The Medical Examiner's fee schedule is reviewed annually to reflect any changes that are needed due to additional services or the economy.

The October 1, 2024 effective date is being requested to be cognizant of municipal government entities' fiscal year budgets. The Medical Examiner has previously spoken to other government entities regarding the strong possibility of fee increases.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The increased revenues that the County will receive from the proposed fees will be dependent upon the quantity of requests for these services.

SUBMITTED BY:	Medical Examiner	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Dr. Kendall V. Crowns
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