

TRAVIS COUNTY OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER

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Dear Colleague,

On August 30, 2016, the Travis County Commissioners Court approved the imposition of a \$25.00 service fee by the Travis County Medical Examiner for cremation approvals pursuant to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Title 1, Chapter 49, Subchapter B, Art 49.25, Section 13A (text reprinted below).*

Beginning December 19, 2016, the Travis County Medical Examiner will begin assessing a \$25.00 fee per cremation approval certificate. Our fee schedule is posted on our website at https://www.traviscountytx.gov/medical-examiner/fee-schedule.

For billing purposes, please provide us with an email address by responding to atcrequest@traviscountytx.gov or contact us at 512-854-9599.

Sincerely,

J. Keith Pinckard, MD, PhD D-ABP, F-ABMDI

Chief Medical Examiner

<u>1 TCCP Art. 49.25 § 13 (A):</u> FEES.

- (a) A medical examiner may charge reasonable fees for services provided by the office of medical examiner under this article, including cremation approvals, court testimonies, consultations, and depositions.
- (b) The commissioners court must approve the amount of the fee before the fee may be assessed. The fee may not exceed the amount necessary to provide the services described by Subsection (a).