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**MOTION: Amend Previously Adopted Ordinance Number 173-52015 Amending Section 5.04(2) of the General Code of Winnebago County (Coroner’s Cremation Permit Fee) by Replacing the \$170 Cremation Permit Fee to \$250**

**TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance Number 173-52015, as amended, was passed at the May 19, 2015, Meeting of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors after a lengthy and exhausting four hour meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Coroner was not allowed to convey the repercussions that would result if the Ordinance was amended; and

**WHEREAS**, there was NO discussion allowed on either the amendment itself or on the amended version of the motion; and

**WHEREAS**, there was a motion/second to adjourn the meeting, but the motion was not recognized by the County Board Chairman. That motion was withdrawn; and

**WHEREAS**, a substantial number of supervisors have expressed concern and regret with respect to their previous votes; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Budget Bill, which is presently upon the Governor’s desk for signature, contains a provision which would prohibit counties from increasing fees for services rendered by a coroner under §§ 59.36 and 69.18(4), Wis Stats, for two years after the Bill’s general effective date; and

**WHEREAS**, said Bill has not been signed by the Governor, and it is unlikely that said Bill will be effective prior to June 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, said Bill also discontinues state grants to coroners for payment to coroners for indigent burial; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to increase Cremation Permit Fees at this time may limit Winnebago County from increasing said Cremation Permit Fees within the next two years and possibly forever into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, your undersigned Committee believes that it would be in the best interests of Winnebago County to increase said Fee to \$250.00 at the present time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby amends Section 5.04(2) of the General Code of Winnebago County to read as follows:

**5.04 CORONER’S FEES**

**(2) Cremation Permit Fee**

(a) A fee of ~~\$170~~ **\$250** is hereby established for the viewing of a body by a coroner and the issuance of a permit as a precedence to cremation, pursuant to that procedure outlined by § 979.10, Wis Stats. The estate of the deceased shall be liable for payment of said fee, unless another party agrees in advance, in writing, to be responsible for the payment of said fee.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that said ordinance amendment shall take effect on the date following the date of its publication.

Submitted by:  
**BILL ROH, District #7**  
**BILL WINGREN, District #18**  
**COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR**

44 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Mark L Harris  
Winnebago County Executive