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**ORDINANCE: Amend Section 5.04(2) of the General Code of Winnebago County  
(Coroner's Cremation Permit Fee)**

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

**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 the coroner 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 ~~\$150~~ **\$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:

**JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Committee Vote: **4-0**

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

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

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Mark L Harris  
Winnebago County Executive