

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Amending Resolution 342 of 2023 and Establishing Rates of Reimbursement to  
Funeral Homes and Services for Indigent Burials

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, By Resolution 342 of 2023, the Board of Legislators authorized and affirmed a revised schedule of compensation for reimbursement to Jefferson County funeral homes and services for performing indigent burial services pursuant to Social Services Law §141, and

Whereas, This Board of Legislators desires to supplement and clarify the schedule referred to in Resolution 342 of 2023 and increase the 2024 County Budget in consideration of the additional terms of this resolution.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the attached schedule constitutes the terms and conditions of reimbursement for indigent burials pursuant to Social Services Law §141, and it is further,

Resolved, that the 2024 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Increase:**

01614000 04600	Safety Net Assistance	\$52,475
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**Decrease:**

01199000 04963	Contingent Account	\$52,475
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and be it further,

Resolved, That this resolution shall be effective January 1, 2024.

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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State of New York    )  
                                  ) ss.:  
County of Jefferson )

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Board of Legislators of said County of Jefferson with the original thereof on file in my office and duly adopted by said Board at a meeting of said Board on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ and that the same is a true and correct copy of such Resolution and the whole thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

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JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
INDIGENT BURIAL RATES  
(Effective 1/1/2024)

1. Professional Services:      General: \$2,400.00  
   Stillborn Burial: \$550.00

Services including the removal of remains, arrangements, embalming, personnel costs, preparation and filing of death certificate, and the provision of a cremation container (if applicable).

Definitions:

Arrangements: Basic arrangements including the funeral director, other staff, equipment and facilities to respond to the initial request for services, the arrangement conference, securing of necessary authorizations and coordination of service plans with parties involved in the final disposition of the deceased.

Embalming: Includes the use of the preparation room with services to include topical disinfection custodial care, dressing/casketing, cosmetology, and restoration.

2. Deliverables:

- a) The cost of a basic minimum casket shall be paid by the County at the invoice cost to the funeral home or service.
- b) A basic minimum grave vault or liner shall be provided and paid by the County at the invoice cost to the funeral home or service.
- c) Cemetery equipment and delivery and placement of a vault or liner shall be paid by the County at the actual cost to funeral home or service.

3. Miscellaneous Items:

- a) Mileage for transportation of remains shall be billed at \$1.85 per loaded mile.
- b) Oversized casket, if required, shall be paid at the invoice cost to the funeral home or service. Prior authorization of the Commissioner of Social Services is required.

- c) Cemetery fees, including the cost of the grave plot and any opening or closing fees of the Cemetery shall be a direct cost billed and paid by the Commissioner of Social Services. Said fees shall not exceed \$633.00 for interment of adult direct burial, adult cremation burial, and stillborn burial.
  - d) Cost of a winter vault, not to exceed \$100, shall be a direct cost billed to the Commissioner of Social Services.
  - e) Crematory Fees shall be a direct charge billed to and paid by the Commissioner of Social Services.
4. The total cost of services and items identified above shall constitute the maximum obligation of the County to reimburse the costs of an indigent burial.
5. The fees for professional services shall be subject to a 2% annual increase to be effective on the first day of January for each calendar year.
6. Supplementation:

A funeral home or service may go above and beyond at the request of next of kin at their own discretion. Any services other than a direct burial or cremation would fall under the category of supplementation (e.g. calling hours, funeral or memorial service, grave side services, flowers, obituary cost, etc.). Such supplementation is the financial liability of the parties making the arrangements and the funeral home or service. Payment for those services should come directly from your general price list (GPL) or a lesser amount for the individual items selected or negotiated.

Patient Incidental Accounts (PIA) are not to be used as supplementation.

7. Next of Kin Liability:

Social Services Law §101, Liability of Relatives to Support: Except as otherwise provided by law, the spouse or parent of a recipient of public assistance or care of a person liable to become in need thereof shall, if of sufficient ability, be responsible for the support of such person, provided that a parent shall be responsible only for the support of a child under the age of twenty-one years. Stepparents shall in like manner be responsible for the support of stepchildren under the age of twenty-one years. Nothing herein shall impose any liability upon a person to support the adopted child of his or her spouse if such child was adopted after and the adopting spouse is living separate and apart from the non-adopting spouse pursuant to a legally recognizable separation agreement or decree under domestic relations law. Such liability shall not be imposed for so long as the spouses remain separate and apart after the adoption.

8. Funeral Trust:

Deceased individuals who have pre-arranged under a funeral or final needs trust for the expense of arrangements and interment: Trust funds must be utilized in the first instance for final arrangements and burial.

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