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Detroit City Council
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
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RE: Proposed Resolution to Approve Fees for Issuance of Disinterment Permits

Honorable City Council:

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the 2012 Detroit City Charter, the 2019 Detroit City Code, and the Michigan Public Health Code, attached is the above-referenced resolution.

Currently, the Wayne County Health Department issues disinterment permits for all cemeteries in Wayne County, including those in Detroit. With the approval of this resolution, the Detroit Department of Health will assume this function for the disinterment of bodies in Detroit cemeteries. In order to enable us to implement the fee as soon as possible, we also ask for a waiver of reconsideration. We are available to answer any questions you may have regarding this proposed resolution.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

Denise Fair Razo
Chief Public Health Officer

Attachment

RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____

WHEREAS, Section 9-507 of the 2012 Detroit City Charter permits agencies to charge fees for services with Detroit City Council approval;

WHEREAS, Section 20-1-1(a), 2019 Detroit City Code, *Adoption of Michigan Public Health Code; continuing violation; civil violation and penalties; misdemeanor violation and penalties*, incorporates by reference the provisions of the Michigan Public Health Code, being MCL 333.1101 through 333.25211 as if fully set out in the 2019 Detroit City Code;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 344.2421, *City health department; creation; powers and duties*, provides that the Detroit Health Department has the powers and duties of a local health department;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.2853, *Permit for disinterment and reinterment required; issuance; forms for permits and applications; retention of application; copy of permit as permanent record; petition for disinterment order*, authorizes the Detroit Health Department to issue permits for the disinterment of bodies located in cemeteries in the City of Detroit;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.2444(1), *Fees for services; expenses and compensation*, authorizes the City, upon approval by the Mayor and the Detroit City Council, to establish reasonable fees for services performed by the Detroit Health Department;

WHEREAS, the Detroit Health Department has determined that \$10.00 is a reasonable fee for the services required for review and issuance of disinterment permits; **Now Therefore be it**

RESOLVED that the Detroit City Council approves a \$10.00 fee as proposed by the Director of the Public Health Department for the review and issuance of disinterment permits.