

ORDINANCE NO 9920 (NEW SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHARGES AND FEES

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego ordains as follows:

Section 1: Section 238 of ARTICLE XV-B of the County of San Diego Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 238. RESPONSIBILITY FOR COST.

Except as otherwise provided by law or by contract all aid rendered shall be a charge against the patient, the patient's spouse, or the patient's parents when the patient is a minor, and they shall be jointly and severally liable to pay the costs thereof. Parents shall not be liable for care of children 15 years of age or older living separate and apart from the parents and managing their own financial affairs unless such parents have requested or consented to such care of their child or children. The Director or the Director's designated representative, and the Director of Revenue and Recovery, or the Revenue and Recovery Director's designated representative, are hereby authorized to use appropriate means to collect repayment of costs from patients and responsible relatives, including securing payment by requiring execution and filing of liens consistent with Welfare & Institutions Code section 17109 and any other applicable statutory provisions.

Section 2: A new section 251 is hereby added to ARTICLE XV-B of the County of San Diego Administrative Code to read as follows:

SEC. 251. RATE OF CHARGE - OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS AND
STATISTICS FEE - TO BE ESTABLISHED BY DIRECTOR AND APPROVED
BY BOARD.

The rate of charge of \$20.00 is established for providing a Certificate of Still Birth. The fee shall be set by the Director of the Health and Human Services Agency, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the current cost of providing the service, up to any statutory maximum. At least once each twenty-four (24) months, the rate of charge set by the Director shall be reviewed by the Health and Human Services Agency to assure that such charge does not exceed actual costs. In the event said review determines that the charge exceeds actual costs, the Director shall revise the rate of charge to reduce the charge to the level of actual costs.

Section 3: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption. Within fifteen days after the date of adoption of this ordinance, a summary shall be published once with the name of those members voting for and against the same in the newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Diego.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego this 11th day of March, 2008.