



## Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office Fee Schedule FY 2026



Service	Fee	Statute or Code Reference	Details
Postmortem Examination/ Toxicology Report	\$25 per Copy	<i>Health and Safety Code Section 671.013(c)(1); Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES</i>	<i>No charge to immediate, legal next of kin (family member responsible for signing the release of remains form) and inter-agencies for investigation purposes. The release of autopsy records may be exempt from disclosure under Government Code Section 552.108 for pending criminal investigations and/or prosecutions</i>
Certified Reports	\$35 per Copy	<i>Health and Safety Code Section 671.013(c)(1)</i>	
Miscellaneous Records	\$0.10 per Page	<i>Tex. Admin. Code Title 1, Part 3, Rule § 70.3; Rule §70.9</i>	

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Cremation Authorization Certificate AKA Cremation Authorization Letter	\$25 Each	<i>Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 §§ 13A: FEES; Art. 49.25, Sec. 10 Disinterment and Cremations</i>	<i>In Texas, the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP) Chapter 49, Article 49.25, Section 10, covers disinterment and cremation. This section mandates that before anyone can be lawfully cremated, the owner or operator of the crematory must be furnished with a certificate (letter) signed by the medical examiner of the county in which the death occurred. The certificate (letter) must indicate whether an autopsy was performed or was deemed unnecessary based on the circumstances surrounding the death. The medical examiner is responsible for determining if an autopsy is required and for issuing the necessary certificate (letter) to the crematory.</i>
Notarization of Documents	\$10 Each	<i>Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES</i>	
Subpoena Witness Fee	\$10 Each	<i>Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES</i>	

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Specimen Storage Fee per Year	\$75 per Case	<i>TAC §7.125(a)(5); Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES</i>	<i>Specimens may have different retention periods depending if the case is related to a criminal investigation/prosecution and/or depending on the age of the decedent. Requests to hold specimens past the two-year retention period must be submitted on letterhead yearly. (See Retention Policy).</i>
Body Hold Storage Fee- In County	\$75/Day Starting on Day 6	<i>Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES</i>	<i>Approved by the Lubbock County Commissioner's Court on 12/27/2021, with an effective date of 02/01/2022.</i>

Out of County Postmortem Examination Fee	\$3500 per Case	<i>Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES</i>	<i>Approved by the Lubbock County Commissioner's Court on 07/28/2025 with an effective date of 08/01/2025.</i>
Out of County Body Storage Fee	\$50/Day Starting 24 Hours after the Postmortem Examination is Completed.	<i>Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES</i>	<i>Approved by the Lubbock County Commissioner's Court on 07/28/2025 with an effective date of 08/01/2025.</i>
Histology Slide Recuts	\$9 per slide	<i>Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 § 13A: FEES</i>	
Postmortem Examination Images & Digital X-Rays on a Disc	\$20 per disc	<i>Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 49.25 §13A: FEES; Art. 49.25, Sec. 11; Gov. Code Sec. 552.101</i>	<i>Confidential by law. May only be released to authorized agencies or with a court order or subpoena.</i>

All funds generated will go directly to the Lubbock County General Fund.

Requests for records may be subject to additional fees under the Texas Administrative Code Title 1, Chapter 70 and/or the Texas Public Information Act Chapter 552 Subchapter F.

*Approved in Commissioner's Court 11/10/2025*