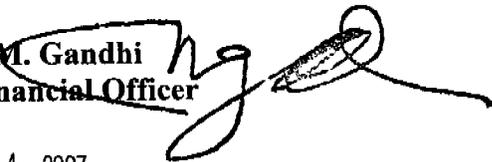


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: AUG 14 2007

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Vital Records Schedule of Fines Approval Resolution of 2007"

REFERENCE: Draft Resolution – No Number Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed resolution.

Background

The proposed resolution would allow the promulgation of final rules to add new fines for violations related to vital records reporting. The intent of the proposed resolution is to encourage timely vital records reporting.

Specifically, the proposed rule would add a new § 3614 of Title 16 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) to establish a \$200 fine for the violation of any one of six provisions outlined in the proposed rule:

- Failure of a funeral director or person acting as such to file a death record within five (5) days after the death and before final disposition;
- Failure of a medical facility to return the medical certification portion of a death certificate to the funeral director within forty-eight (48) hours after death;
- Failure of an institution to report a fetal death within five (5) days after the death;
- Failure to file a record of birth within five (5) days after the birth;

- Failure of an institution to submit by the tenth (10th) day of the month a list of each birth and death occurring in that institution during the preceding month.; and
- Failure of a funeral director to submit, by the tenth (10th) day of the month, a list of each dead body disposed of during the preceding month.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed resolution. No additional staff or resources are necessary to implement the fines.

There have not been a significant number of violations of vital records reporting in the District over the past few years; therefore, it is unlikely that the implementation of the schedule of fines will result in a significant revenue increase for the District.