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Dear Funeral Director:

In response to recent inquiries regarding the charging of client families for the expenses incurred by the implementation of the recent “congestion pricing” for vehicles entering parts of Manhattan, please be reminded that the New York State Public Health Law (PHL) and 10 NYCRR § 79.4(f)(1) require that all “bridge and road tolls”, if charged to the client family, must be listed separately as a “cash advance” item on the *Itemization of Funeral Services and Merchandise Selected* with the appropriate disclosure as required on the General Price List.

Additionally, please be reminded that charging for bridge or road tolls in excess of the amount paid or advanced to third parties carries a charge of misconduct under 10 NYCRR § 77.12(k).

The Bureau anticipates and appreciates your compliance in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Funeral Directing at 518-402-0785 or by email at funeral@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas W. Fuller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas W. Fuller, Director
Bureau of Funeral Directing