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ORDINANCE NO. 81-060

AUTHORIZING CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT TO
ASSESS AND COLLECT COSTS OF
PROCESSING IN CHILD SUPPORT CASES

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. A new chapter is added to the Snohomish
County Code setting forth authority of the clerk of the
Superior Court to assess costs in the processing of certain
cases involving child support payments as follows:

CHARTER 4.50

ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION
OF COSTS FOR PROCESSING CERTAIN
CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS

Sections:

- 4.50.010 Purpose
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4.50.010 - Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to
authorize the clerk of the Superior Court to assess fees for
full or partial reimbursement of costs incurred in the

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processing and handling of child support payments by the clerk on a periodic basis. It further provides for the method of assessment and collection and rates thereof.

4.50.020--Application--Exceptions. This chapter shall apply to all payments of child support made to the clerk of the Superior Court or paid into the registry of the Superior Court by any person for the purposes of processing and disbursement by the clerk to any other person.

Furthermore, the Superior Court may by order limit or prohibit the application of this chapter where it deems appropriate.

4.50.030--Rate of Assessment. The clerk of the Superior Court shall be authorized to assess a four percent (4%) fee against each child support payment processed by the clerk, PROVIDED that said fee shall not be assessed more often than one (1) time per month per cause wherein child support payments have been ordered paid and PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the maximum assessment so payable in any one (1) month for any one (1) such cause shall not exceed fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

4.50.040--Method of Collection. The clerk of the Superior Court is authorized to devise and adopt appropriate rules and regulations, consistent with this chapter and other appropriate provisions of law for the collection of said assessments from appropriate individuals.

Should it prove necessary, the Prosecuting Attorney shall assist the clerk of the Superior Court in the collection of said assessment.

4.50.050--Disbursement of Assessments. The clerk of the Superior Court shall cause any such assessments so collected to be placed into the current expense fund of Snohomish County no less often than 12 times per year, through the use of appropriate and sound principles of accounting and requirements of state law.

4.50.060 - Severability. If any court shall find any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstance to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid such findings shall not affect the validity of all remaining portions of this title or the application of this title to other persons or circumstances.

PASSED this 22 day of July, 1981.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

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