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SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 86-124
RELATING TO
THE ASSESSMENT OF FEES
FOR EX-PARTE COURT ORDERS

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. A new chapter 4.47 is added to the Snohomish County Code as follows:

CHAPTER 4.47
FEES FOR PROCESSING EX-PARTE COURT ORDERS

Sections

- 4.47.010 Purpose
- 4.47.020 Application - Exceptions
- 4.47.030 Rate of Assessment
- 4.47.040 Method of Collection
- 4.47.050 Disbursements of Assessments
- 4.47.060 Severability

4.47.010 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to authorize the clerk of the superior court to assess fees for the processing and handling of mail requests relative to ex-parte court orders; provide for the method of assessment and collection; and establish the rates of such fees.

4.47.020 Application - Exceptions. This chapter shall apply to all mail requests, received by the clerk of the superior court, to present ex-parte court orders and to process the same upon return from the ex-parte department of the superior court. Fees shall accompany the mail requests and be paid by the requesting party except for those requests which are exempt from the payment of such fee by state law.

4.47.030 Rate of assessment. The processing fees shall be as follows:

1) For requests that require research, correspondence, envelope and/or postage the fee shall be eight dollars.

2) For mail-in requests which contain the necessary information, self-addressed and stamped envelope, and copies to conform, the fee shall be five dollars.

(3) For bulk requests, case number research shall be charged as follows:

1-10 Names Eight dollars

11-15 Names Twelve dollars

12-20 Names Sixteen dollars

4.47.040 Method of collection. The clerk of the superior court may adopt rules and regulations, consistent with this chapter and other applicable provisions of law, for the assessment and collection of the fees set forth in this chapter. A copy of any such rules and regulations, or amendments thereto, shall be filed with the clerk of the county council. The clerk may request assistance of the prosecuting attorney in the collection of such fees.

4.47.050 Disbursement of assessments. The clerk of the superior court shall ensure that all fees that are collected are properly accounted for and transmitted to the department of budget and finance on a monthly basis.

4.47.060 Severability. If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining portions of this chapter or its application to other persons or circumstances.

PASSED this 12th day of November, 1986.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

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