SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL



SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 92-129

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A SERVICE FEE FOR DISBURSEMENT OF ALL TRUST PAYMENTS MADE THROUGH THE SUPERIOR COURT REGISTRY AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 4.45

SUPERIOR COURT REGISTRY DISBURSEMENT FEE

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Superior Court provides the service of disbursing monies to recipients of court ordered payments; and

WHEREAS, the service requires the County Clerk to incur additional expenses related to staff and recordkeeping; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Snohomish County to charge a service fee for providing this service so as to reduce the financial impact on the County Clerk's Office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

<u>Section 1. NEW SECTION.</u> A new chapter 4.45 is hereby added to the Snohomish County Code, as follows:

Chapter 4.45 Superior Court Registry Disbursement Fee

- 4.45.010 Assessment of Service Fee Authorized
- 4.45.020 Applicability
- 4.45.030 Fee Collection
- 4.45.040 Fees to be Deposited in Current Expense Fund.

4.45.010 Assessment of Service Fee Authorized. The Snohomish County Clerk, ex-Officio Clerk of the Superior Court, is hereby authorized to assess a five dollar (\$5.00) service fee on all trust fund payments in excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) disbursed through the Superior Court Registry. Payment of said fee shall be the responsibility of the party making payment of funds to be held in trust by the Clerk of the Superior Court. In the event that the party responsible to pay the service fee fails to do so, or is delinquent in payment of fees, the County Clerk shall not delay the disbursement of trust payments being held, but shall deduct the amount owing for service fees from said disbursement.

4.45.020 Applicability. All parties making payments through the Superior Court Registry for disbursement to a second party are responsible for said service fee, except those parties or agencies for which processing costs are otherwise reimbursed to the County from other sources.

4.45.030 Fee Collection. The Clerk of the Superior Court shall adopt appropriate rules and regulations for collection of said fee. Should it prove necessary, the Prosecuting Attorney shall assist the County Clerk in the collection of said fee.

4.45.040 Fees to be deposited in current expense fund. All service fees so collected shall be placed in the current expense fund of Snohomish County on a monthly basis.

PASSED this # day of November 1992

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

ATTEST:

Fee

Clerk of the Council, Asst.

() APPROVED () EMERGENCY () VETOED

DATE:

Snohomish County Executive

Approved as to form only:

10/21/92

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

ATTEST:

Ordinance Authorizing Superior Court Registry Disbursement

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