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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 93 - *129*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A SURCHARGE OF TEN DOLLARS ON ALL SUPERIOR COURT CASES FILED UNDER TITLE 26 RCW, TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR PROGRAM, AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 4.90
COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR PROGRAM SURCHARGE

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Superior Court provides assistance through a Courthouse Facilitator, to members of the public appearing pro se in family law cases; and

WHEREAS, the expenses of providing these services have previously been through grant funds and some county current expense fund subsidies which cannot continue to be available; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Snohomish County to continue to provide these services, because the Courthouse Facilitator Program is serving hundreds of county residents each month who otherwise would have difficulty making effective use of the superior court; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has provided the Snohomish County Council with the authority to impose this surcharge for the purpose of paying the expenses of providing Courthouse Facilitator services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. A new chapter 4.90 is hereby added to the Snohomish County Code, as follows:

Chapter 4.90
Courthouse Facilitator Program Surcharge

- 4.90.010 Assessment of Surcharge Authorized
- 4.90.020 Applicability
- 4.90.030 Collection of Surcharge
- 4.90.040 Surcharge to be Deposited in Separate Account

4.90.010 Assessment of Surcharge Authorized. The Snohomish County Clerk, ex-Officio Clerk of the Superior Court, is hereby authorized to assess a ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge on all superior court cases filed under Title 26 RCW.

4.90.020 Applicability. All parties filing superior court cases under Title 26 RCW are responsible for paying the surcharge at the time a case is initiated, unless the surcharge is waived specifically by the superior court, or the surcharge is ordered by the superior court to be paid in another manner.

4.90.030 Collection of surcharge. The Clerk of the Superior Court shall collect the surcharge in the same manner that other fees and charges are collected.

4.90.040 Surcharge to be deposited in separate account. The surcharge so collected shall be placed monthly in a separate account to be used to pay expenses of the courthouse facilitator program.

PASSED this 13th day of October 1993

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

Liz McLaughlin
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Thomas J. Norton
Clerk of the Council

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Snohomish County Executive

Approved as to form only:

Steve C. Brown Date: 8-3-93
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Ordinance Authorizing Courthouse Facilitator Program Surcharge

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