

ORDINANCE NO. 6241

AN ORDINANCE authorizing a service fee in Superior Court for adoption studies in which a child has not yet been identified, and for marriage reconciliation services not pertaining to a pending petition for dissolution.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Superior Court through the Department of Judicial Administration to assess service fees for reimbursement for the actual costs incurred by the County for adoption studies in which a child has not yet been identified, and for marriage reconciliation services not pertaining to a pending dissolution. Such service fees shall be the responsibility of the party or parties requesting the service.

SECTION 2. The Superior Court shall prepare and adopt a fee schedule charging no more than fourteen dollars, per hour, for the preparation of each adoption pre-placement study, and no more than sixteen dollars, per hour, for each marriage reconciliation session. The Department of Judicial Administration, Clerk of the Superior Court, having fully complied with the provision of K.C.C. 2.98, is authorized to implement procedures, for cause, to waive all or part of the fees based on an applicant's showing of bonafide hardship; increase or lower the fees based on actual cost of service. Collection of said service fee shall be the responsibility of the Department of Judicial Administration. Should it prove necessary, the Prosecuting Attorney shall assist the Clerk in collection of said fee.

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1 SECTION 3. The Clerk of the Superior Court shall cause
 2 any such fee so collected to be placed into the Current Expense
 3 Fund of King County no less than 12 times per year based on
 4 the requirement of State law and application of generally
 5 accepted principles of accounting.

6 SECTION 4. If any court shall find any provision of this
 7 ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance to
 8 be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid such findings shall
 9 not affect the validity of all remaining portions of this title
 10 or the application of this title to other persons or
 11 circumstances.

12 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 29th day
 13 of November, 19 82.

14 PASSED this 20th day of December, 19 82.

15 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
 16 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

17 Lois North
 18 Chairman

19 ATTEST:

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 21 Dorothy M. Quinn
 22 Clerk of the Council

23 APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 19 83.

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 25 Randy Powell
 26 King County Executive