

November 10, 1992  
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INTRODUCED BY: RON SIMS

PROPOSED BY: 92-841

ORDINANCE NO. 10643

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to service fees in  
2 Superior Court for Family Court and adoption  
3 services amending Ordinance 6241, Sections 1,  
4 2, 3, and 4 and K.C.C. 4.72.010 - .030 and  
5 adding new sections to K.C.C. 4.72.020.

6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 SECTION 1. Ordinance 6241, Section 1, and K.C.C. 4.72.010  
8 are hereby amended to read as follows, effective:

9 The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Superior  
10 Court through the Department of Judicial Administration to  
11 assess service fees for reimbursement for the actual costs  
12 incurred by the county for adoption (~~studies in which a child~~  
13 ~~has not yet been identified~~) services including flat search  
14 fee, consultation, confirmation of consents, post-placement  
15 study, step-parent adoption, new baby study, temporary study,  
16 in-home study, complete adoption; and for dissolution services  
17 including: mediation orientation, mediation, one party and two  
18 party evaluations, witness fees for testimony provided by  
19 Family Court Services staff, paternity services including one  
20 party and two party evaluations; for marriage waivers; and for  
21 marriage reconciliation services not pertaining to a pending  
22 dissolution. Such services fees shall be the responsibility of  
23 the party or parties requesting the service.

24 SECTION 2. Ordinance 6241, Section 2, and K.C.C. 4.72.020  
25 are hereby amended to read as follows:

26 The Superior Court shall prepare and adopt a fee schedule  
27 charging no more than (~~fourteen~~) fifty-five dollars, per  
28 hour, for the preparation of (~~each~~) adoption consultation,  
29 confirmation of consents, post-placement study, step parent  
30 adoption, new baby study, temporary study, in-home study,  
31 complete adoption, and pre-placement study, and no more than  
32 (~~sixteen~~) fifty-five dollars, per hour, for dissolution  
services including: mediation orientation, mediations,  
conciliation, dissolution one and two party evaluations, and

1 witness fees for court testimony provided by Family Court  
2 Services staff; for paternity services including evaluations;  
3 for marriage waivers, and for each marriage reconciliation  
4 session. The Department of Judicial Administration, Clerk of  
5 the Superior Court, and Superior court, having fully complied  
6 with the provision of K.C.C. 2.98, ~~((is))~~ are authorized to  
7 implement procedures, for cause, to waive all or part of the  
8 fees based on an applicant's showing of bona fide hardship;  
9 ~~((increase or lower the fees based on actual cost of service.))~~  
10 Collection of said service fee shall be the responsibility of  
11 Superior Court and the Department of Judicial Administration.  
12 Should it prove necessary, the Prosecuting Attorney shall  
13 assist the Superior Court and the Clerk in collection of said  
14 fees.

15 NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. The Superior Court and the Clerk  
16 of the Superior Court shall assess a flat search fee for each  
17 Adoption Case Record Search. The fee assessed per case shall  
18 be \$8.00. The Superior Court and the Clerk of the Superior  
19 Court shall establish a procedure for the collection of this  
20 fee.

21 SECTION 4. Ordinance 6241, Section 3, and K.C.C. 4.72.030  
22 are hereby amended to read as follows:

23 The Superior Court and the Clerk of the Superior Court  
24 shall cause any such fee so collected to be placed into the  
25 Current Expense Fund of King County no less than 12 times per  
26 year based on the requirement of State law and application of  
27 generally accepted accounting principles.

28 SECTION 5. If any court shall find any provision of this  
29 ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance to  
30 be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid such

1 findings shall not affect the validity of all remaining  
2 portions of this title or the application of this title to  
3 other persons or circumstances.

4 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 16<sup>th</sup> day  
5 of November, 1992.

6 PASSED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1992.

7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
8 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

9 Cynthia Sullivan  
10 Vice Chair

11 ATTEST:

12 Ronald A. Peterson  
13 Clerk of the Council

14 APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1992.

15 Orin Hill  
16 King County Executive

17 Attachments: None