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ORDINANCE NO. **13662**

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2 AN ORDINANCE relating to court-related fees; authorizing
3 an increase in the surcharge on the fees charged for civil filings
4 for the dispute resolution services; revising the fee charged
5 when parties in litigation fail to bring legal cases to
6 completion or fail to comply with court-set deadlines for
7 reports; authorizing the assessment, waiver or reduction of
8 fees for community supervision of youth under superior court
9 jurisdiction; authorizing a fee for the service of providing a
10 voucher system for payment of services provided by the
11 department of judicial administration; authorizing a fee for the
12 service of returning paper documents to the filing party after
13 the documents have been electronically scanned; amending
14 Ordinance 9916, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.82.010
15 and Ordinance 13330, Section 16, and K.C.C. 4.71:050,
16 adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4.71 and adding a new
17 chapter to K.C.C. Title 4.

18 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

19 SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance proposes changes in the fees currently
20 charged for filing civil cases in district court.

21 B. These fees are assessed pursuant to K.C.C. 2.99.030.

22 SECTION 2. Ordinance 9916, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.82.010 are
23 each hereby amended to read as follows:

24 **Surcharge established -- collection.** (~~Establishment and collection.~~) The King
25 County council hereby establishes a surcharge of (~~(\$8.00)~~) ten dollars to district court civil
26 filing fees to be used for funding dispute resolution services. This surcharge shall be

27 collected by the King County district court which shall establish a procedure for collection
28 and segregation of this surcharge in accordance with ((RCW)) chapter 7.75 RCW.

29 SECTION 3. A. Section 4 of this ordinance proposes changes in the fee currently
30 charged when parties in litigation fail to bring legal cases to completion or fail to comply
31 with court-ordered deadlines for reports.

32 B. These fees are assessed pursuant to K.C.C. 4.71.050.

33 SECTION 4. Ordinance 13330, Section 16, and K.C.C. 4.71.050 are each hereby
34 amended to read as follows:

35 **Fee – failure to bring case to completion.** The department of judicial
36 administration is hereby authorized to assess a fee to parties to an action filed with the
37 superior court who fail to bring cases to completion, because of failure to appear for trial,
38 failure to file final order on settlement, failure to follow case schedule, failure to file final
39 judgment or appeal following an arbitration award; lack of action of record; or failure to
40 complete with court-ordered deadlines for reports. The fee assessed shall be ((twenty))
41 thirty dollars to cover costs associated with identifying these cases and notifying the
42 parties.

43 SECTION 5. A. Section 6 of this ordinance proposes authorizing the department of
44 judicial administration to assess fees for community supervision for youth.

45 B. These fees are assessed pursuant to K.C.C. 2.99.030.

46 NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. A new section is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter
47 4.71 to read as follows:

48 The department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to assess, waive or
49 reduce fees for community supervision of youth under superior court jurisdiction as
50 follows:

51 A. Community supervision fees shall be:

52 1. Low-risk youth community supervision fees. Low-risk youth placed on
53 community supervision for up to three months shall be charged a monthly rate of twenty-
54 five dollars, with a case rate not to exceed seventy-five dollars for each community
55 supervision period; and

56 2. Medium and high-risk youth community supervision fees. Medium and high-
57 risk youth placed on community supervision for six months or longer shall be charged a
58 monthly rate of fifty dollars, with a case rate not to exceed three hundred dollars for each
59 community supervision period.

60 B. Fee waivers. The department director or the director's designee may waive or
61 reduce any fees designated under this section.

62 SECTION 7. Sections 9 and 11 of this ordinance should constitute a new chapter
63 in K.C.C. Title 4.

64 SECTION 8. A. Section 9 of this ordinance proposes authorizing a fee for the
65 service of providing a voucher system for payment of services provided by the department
66 of judicial administration.

67 B. These fees are assessed pursuant to K.C.C. 2.99.030.

68 NEW SECTION. SECTION 9. A. The department of judicial administration is
69 hereby authorized to assess a fee for the service of providing a voucher system for payment
70 of services provided by the department.

71 B. The fee assessed shall be ten percent of the yearly charges to the voucher
72 account, to cover some of the expenses involved in processing the vouchers and sending
73 invoices.

74 C. The department of judicial administration shall establish a procedure for the
75 collection of these fees.

76 SECTION 10. A. Section 11 of this ordinance proposes authorizing a fee for the
77 service of returning paper documents to the filing party after the documents have been
78 electronically scanned.

79 B. These fees are assessed pursuant to K.C.C. 2.99.030.

80 NEW SECTION. SECTION 11. A. The department of judicial administration is
81 hereby authorized to assess a fee for the service of returning paper documents to the filing
82 party after the document has been electronically scanned.

83 B. The fee assessed shall be ten dollars per document, to cover the costs associated
84 with providing this service.

85 C. The department of judicial administration shall establish a procedure for the

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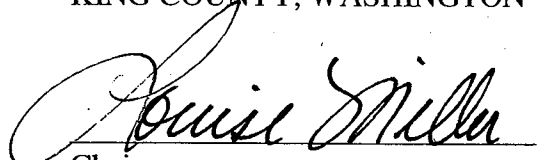
86 collection of these fees.

87 SECTION 12. This ordinance takes effect December 30, 1999.

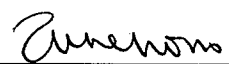
88 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 18th day of October, 1999.

89 PASSED by a vote of 9 to 4 this 22nd day of November, 1999.

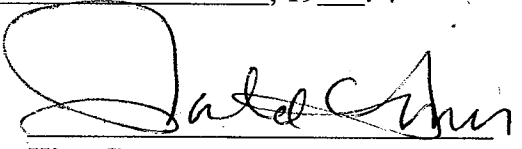
90 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
91 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chair

94 ATTEST:

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96 Clerk of the Council

97 APPROVED this 3 day of December, 1999

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99 King County Executive

100 Attachments: None