



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 6, 2005

Ordinance 15272

Proposed No. 2005-0259.1

Sponsors Gossett

1 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the department of judicial
2 administration to retain five percent of the county's portion
3 of the domestic violence prevention account fee authorized
4 under RCW 36.18.016; increasing the surcharge to superior
5 court filing fees for domestic relations cases filed under
6 Title 26 RCW; amending Ordinance 11136, Section 1, as
7 amended, and K.C.C. 4.79.010 and adding a new section to
8 K.C.C. chapter 4.71.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance authorizes the department of judicial administration to retain five percent of the county's portion of the domestic violence prevention account fee authorized under RCW 36.18.016. The retained portion of the fee is intended to cover the administrative costs associated with handling the new domestic violence prevention account fee, charged to the party filing the first or initial petition for

17 dissolution, legal separation or declaration concerning the validity of marriage, and
18 authorized during the 2005 state legislative session.

19 B. Section 3 of this ordinance increases the surcharge to superior court filing fees
20 for domestic relations cases filed under Title 26 RCW. This increase is authorized under
21 RCW 26.12.240, as amended during the 2005 state legislative session, which allows
22 counties to impose a fee or surcharge on such cases to pay for the expenses of a
23 courthouse facilitator program that provides basic services to pro se litigants in family
24 law cases.

25 NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 4.71 a
26 new section to read as follows:

27 **Fee for administering domestic violence prevention account revenues.** The
28 department of judicial administration is hereby authorized to retain five percent of the
29 county's portion of the domestic violence prevention account fee authorized under RCW
30 36.18.016.

31 SECTION 3. Ordinance 11136, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.79.010 are
32 each hereby amended to read as follows:

33 **Establishment and purpose.** The King County council hereby establishes a
34 surcharge of ~~((ten))~~ twenty dollars to superior court filing fees for domestic relations
35 cases filed under Title 26 RCW and user fees including a charge of fifty cents per page
36 for forms to be used for funding the courthouse facilitator program which provides basic
37 services to pro se litigants in family law cases. This surcharge shall be collected by the

38 superior court and the clerk of the superior court, which shall establish a procedure for
39 collection and segregation of this surcharge in accordance with chapter 26.12 RCW.

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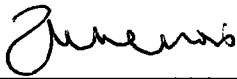
Ordinance 15272 was introduced on 6/6/2005 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/6/2005, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr.
Pelz, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr.
Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 0

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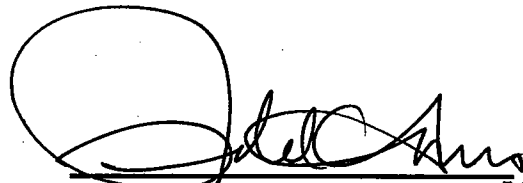

Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 9 day of September, 2005.


Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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