



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**November 24, 2008**

**Ordinance 16304**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0629.2

**Sponsors** Phillips, Hague, Ferguson and Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE increasing the service fee for adoption  
2 services and marriage dissolution services charged by the  
3 family court services division of superior court as  
4 authorized under RCW 26.12.220; and amending  
5 Ordinance 6241, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C.  
6 4.72.020.

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8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

9 SECTION 1. Ordinance 6241, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.72.020 are  
10 each hereby amended as follows:

11 Fees for family court services are established as follows:

12 A. The ((~~superior court~~)) department of judicial administration shall prepare and  
13 adopt a fee schedule charging no more than one hundred fifty dollars, per hour, for:

14 1. Adoption services, including:

15 a. confirmation of birth parent consent reports in all independent nonagency  
16 adoptions;

17 b. stepparent adoption reports; and

- 18 c. other services as ordered by the court; and
- 19 2. Dissolution services including:
  - 20 a. mediation and evaluation orientation;
  - 21 b. mediation services;
  - 22 c. conciliation services;
  - 23 d. dissolution one and two party evaluations;
  - 24 e. witness fees for court testimony provided by family court services staff;
  - 25 f. paternity services including evaluations; and
  - 26 g. marriage waivers((-)); and

27 B. The department of judicial administration(~~(, clerk of the superior court and~~  
28 ~~superior court, having fully complied with K.C.C. chapter 2.98, are))~~) is authorized to  
29 implement adopt procedures, pursuant to K.C.C chapter 2.98 to waive all or part of the  
30 fees based on an applicant's showing of bona fide hardship. Collection of the service fee  
31 shall be the responsibility of the superior court and the department of judicial  
32 administration. Should it prove necessary, the prosecuting attorney shall assist the  
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34 department of judicial administration, the superior court and the clerk of the superior  
35 court in collection of the fees.  
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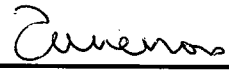
Ordinance 16304 was introduced on 11/17/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 11/24/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer,  
Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn

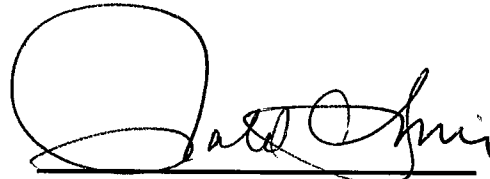
KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 5 day of DECEMBER 2008.

  
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Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments      None

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