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AN ORDINANCE authorizing 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; increasing the surcharge to superior court filing fees for domestic relations cases filed under Title 26 RCW; amending Ordinance 11136, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.79.010 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4.71.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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

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

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

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

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

**Establishment and purpose.** The King County council hereby establishes a surcharge of ~~((ten))~~ twenty dollars to superior court filing fees for domestic relations cases filed under Title 26 RCW and user fees including a charge of fifty cents per page for forms to be used for funding the courthouse facilitator program which provides basic services to pro se litigants in family law cases. This surcharge shall be collected by the superior court and the clerk of the superior court, which shall establish a procedure for collection and segregation of this surcharge in accordance with chapter 26.12 RCW.

10 days prior to public hearing

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