King County

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Legislation Text

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance increases the service fee for adoption studies and marriage reconciliation services from $80 to $100 per hour.

B. These fees are authorized by the legislative authority of any county as allowed by RCW 26.12.220.

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

The superior court shall prepare and adopt a fee schedule charging no more than ((eighty)) one hundred dollars, per hour, for:

1. Adoption services, including:

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

b. stepparent adoption reports; and

c. other services as ordered by the court.

2. Dissolution services including:

a. mediation and evaluation orientation;

b. mediation services;

c. conciliation services;

d. dissolution one and two party evaluations;

e. witness fees for court testimony provided by family court services staff;

f. paternity services including evaluations; and

g. marriage waivers.

B. The department of judicial administration, clerk of the superior court and superior court, having fully complied with K.C.C. chapter 2.98, are authorized to implement procedures, for cause, to waive all or part of the fees based on an applicant's showing of bona fide hardship. Collection of the service fee shall be the responsibility of superior court and the department of judicial administration. Should it prove necessary,

the prosecuting attorney shall assist the superior court and the clerk in collection of the fees.

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