



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**November 17, 2008**

**Ordinance 16288**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0572.2

**Sponsors** Phillips

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to domestic violence prevention  
2 proceedings; establishing an administrative court cost fee;  
3 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4.79.  
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5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

6 1. RCW 26.50.060(1)(g) authorizes the superior court and the district  
7 court to order the respondent in a domestic violence prevention proceeding  
8 under chapter 26.50 RCW to pay administrative court costs and service  
9 fees, as established by the county incurring the expense.

10 2. It is in the public interest to prevent domestic violence and to allow  
11 petitioners access to the courts. In order to support this public policy and  
12 ensure that district court services are available, establishing a fee to cover  
13 administrative court costs incurred by the district court is necessary.

14 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

15 SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance adopts fees to cover administrative  
16 court costs and service fees in certain domestic violence cases that may be imposed  
17 against the respondent by the district court under chapter 26.50 RCW.

18 B. These fees are assessed under RCW 26.50.060(1)(g).

19 C. County legislative authorities may adjust the fees to cover the costs of  
20 administration and operation under RCW 26.50.060(1)(g).

21 NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 4.79 a  
22 new section to read as follows:

23 A. The following district court administrative fee for district court costs is  
24 established to cover administrative district court costs in domestic violence cases:

25 District court administrative court cost fee \$63.00

26 B. This fee may be imposed by the district court against the respondent in  
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28 domestic violence cases as authorized by state law.

29 SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2009.

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Ordinance 16288 was introduced on 10/20/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/17/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

Excused: 0

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 25 day of November, 2008.

  
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Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments None