



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**November 15, 2010**

**Ordinance 16982**

**Proposed No. 2010-0577.2**

**Sponsors Patterson**

1 AN ORDINANCE increasing the service fee for marriage  
2 dissolution services charged by the family court services  
3 division of superior court as authorized under RCW  
4 26.12.220; amending Ordinance 6241, Section 2, as  
5 amended, and K.C.C. 4.72.020 and adding a new section to  
6 K.C.C. chapter 4.72.

7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

8 SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance increases the service fee for family  
9 court dissolution matters from no more than one hundred fifty to no more than two  
10 hundred dollars per hour.

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

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

15 Fees for family court services dissolution matters are established as follows:

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

18 1. ~~((Adoption services, including:~~

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

21           ~~b. stepparent adoption reports; and~~

22           ~~c. other services as ordered by the court; and~~

23           2-)) Dissolution services including:

24           a. mediation and evaluation orientation;

25           b. mediation services;

26           c. conciliation services;

27           d. dissolution one and two party evaluations;

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

29           f. paternity services including evaluations; and

30           g. marriage waivers(~~(; and)~~).

31           B. The department of judicial administration is authorized to implement  
32 procedures, for cause, to waive all or part of the fees based on an applicant's showing of  
33 bona fide hardship. Collection of the service fee shall be the responsibility of the  
34 superior court and the department of judicial administration. Should it prove necessary,  
35 the prosecuting attorney shall assist the department of judicial administration, the  
36 superior court and the clerk of the superior court in collection of the fees.

37           SECTION 3. A. Section 4 of this ordinance adopts a fee for family court services  
38 adoption matters at a rate of no more than one hundred fifty dollars per hour.

39           B. The fee is authorized by the legislative authority of any county as allowed by  
40 RCW 26.12.220.

41            NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 4.72 a  
42 new section to read as follows:

43            Fees for family court services adoption matters are established as follows:

44            A. The department of judicial administration shall prepare and adopt a fee  
45 schedule charging no more than one hundred fifty dollars, per hour, for:

46            1. Adoption services, including:

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

49            b. stepparent adoption reports; and

50            c. other services as ordered by the court; and

51            B. The department of judicial administration is authorized to implement  
52 procedures, for cause, to waive all or part of the fees based on an applicant's showing of  
53 bona fide hardship. Collection of the service fee shall be the responsibility of the  
54 superior court and the department of judicial administration. Should it prove necessary,  
55 the prosecuting attorney shall assist the department of judicial administration, the

56 superior court and the clerk of the superior court in collection of the fees.

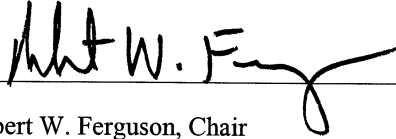
57 SECTION 5. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2011.

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Ordinance 16982 was introduced on 11/8/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/15/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett,  
Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

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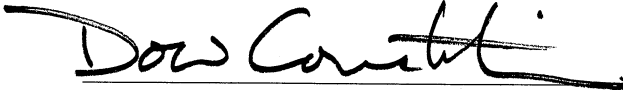
  
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Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 22 day of NOV., 2010..

  
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Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None