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AN ORDINANCE repealing a processing fee for defendants requesting counsel at public expense; amending Ordinance 10167, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.60.054 and repealing Ordinance 17588, Section 9 and K.C.C. 4A.65.110.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 17588, Section 9, and K.C.C. 4A.65.010 are each hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 10167, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.60.054 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

~~((A. A defendant requesting counsel at public expense shall pay a processing fee, as specified in K.C.C. 4A.645.010, as reimbursement to King County for the administrative costs and expenses incurred in the processing of the application. The processing fees is payable at the time the request for counsel is made to the department of public defense. Processing fees are not refundable, even if the defendant is determined to be not eligible for counsel at public expense. A defendant shall not be denied counsel because the defendant cannot pay the processing fee.~~

B.)) To be eligible to receive legal defense services through the public defense program at no cost, the person must be financially unable to obtain adequate representation without substantial hardship to the person and the person's family and there must be some factual likelihood that the person will be deprived of his or her liberty. If a person has some resources available that can be used to secure representation but not sufficient resources to pay the entire costs of private legal services without substantial hardship to the person and the

person's family, the department of public

defense shall determine how much the person shall pay for the legal defense services provided through the department of public defense.

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