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Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to sheriff's office civil unit fees; amending Ordinance 14792, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.680.010 and establishing an effective date.

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
11/18/2025	2	Metropolitan King County Council	Passed	Pass
11/12/2025	1	Budget and Fiscal Management Committee	Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent	Pass
10/20/2025	1	Budget and Fiscal Management Committee	Deferred	
10/7/2025	1	Metropolitan King County Council	Introduced and Referred	

AN ORDINANCE relating to sheriff's office civil unit fees; amending Ordinance 14792, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.680.010 and establishing an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. A. Section 2 of this ordinance proposes changes to the civil process fees to cover cost increases in administration and operation of the sheriff's office civil unit.

B. These fees are assessed under RCW 36.18.040(1), which sets the base level fees that the sheriff's office collects for its official services.

C. County legislative authorities may set the amounts of the fees to cover the costs of administration and operation under RCW 36.18.040(3).

SECTION 2. Ordinance 14792, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.680.010 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

The following fees apply as provided in this chapter:

A. Service of civil process, service, summons and complaint, notice and complaint, summons and petition and notice of small claim:

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Serve one defendant | \$((36.00)) <u>43.00</u> |
| 2. Serve two or more defendants, same address | \$((48.00)) <u>58.00</u> |
| 3. All returns | \$((29.00)) <u>35.00</u> |
| 4. Nonresident returns | \$((29.00)) <u>35.00</u> |
| 5. Notary fee | \$10.00 |
| 6. Mileage (per mile) | Federal standard mileage rate |

B. Attachment, writ - personal property:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Levy, per hour | \$((81.00)) <u>97.00</u> |
| 2. Serve, each defendant | \$((48.00)) <u>58.00</u> |
| 3. Return to court | \$((29.00)) <u>35.00</u> |
| 4. Mileage (per mile) | Federal standard mileage rate |

C. Attachment, writ - real property:

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Levy (per hour) | \$((81.00)) <u>97.00</u> |
| 2. Notice of levy | \$((7.00)) <u>8.00</u> |
| Per Location | \$2.00 |
| 3. Filing with auditor and auditor's filing fee | \$((36.00)) <u>43.00</u> |
| 4. Serve defendant (if required) | \$((48.00)) <u>58.00</u> |
| 5. Return to court | \$((29.00)) <u>35.00</u> |
| 6. Mileage (per mile) | Federal standard mileage rate |

D. Execution - personal property:

1. Levy (per hour)		\$((81.00)) <u>97.00</u>
2. Posting of each notice		\$((19.00)) <u>23.00</u>
3. Conducting sales (per hour)		\$((81.00)) <u>97.00</u>
4. Bill of sale (each)		\$((81.00)) <u>97.00</u>
5. Return to court		\$((29.00)) <u>35.00</u>
6. Serve defendant		\$((48.00)) <u>58.00</u>
7. Serve notice (defendant)		\$((48.00)) <u>58.00</u>
8. Postponement notice (each)		\$((19.00)) <u>23.00</u>
9. Mileage (per mile)	Federal standard mileage rate	
10. Mailing	Actual costs of postage	

E. Warrants:

1. Serve (each)		\$((81.00)) <u>97.00</u>
2. Return to court		\$((29.00)) <u>35.00</u>
3. Mileage (per mile)	Federal standard mileage rate	

F. Subpoena:

1. Serve (each)		\$((48.00)) <u>58.00</u>
2. Return to court		\$((29.00)) <u>35.00</u>
3. Mileage	Federal standard mileage rate	

G. Postage for mailing, required by statute

whether regular, certified or registered: Actual cost of postage

H. Mileage fee, each mile actually and necessarily traveled in

going to or returning from any place of service or

attempted service: Federal standard mileage rate

I. Execution - order of sale of real property:

1. Levy (per hour)	\$((81.00))	<u>97.00</u>
2. Notice to publisher	\$2.00	
3. Recording with auditor	\$((36.00))	<u>43.00</u>
4. Conducting sale (per hour)	\$((81.00))	<u>97.00</u>
5. Certificate of sale	\$((81.00))	<u>97.00</u>
6. Return to court	\$((28.00))	<u>34.00</u>
7. Posting of notice (each)	\$((19.00))	<u>23.00</u>
8. Affidavit of posting	\$((19.00))	<u>23.00</u>
9. Postponement (each notice)	\$((19.00))	<u>23.00</u>
10. Mileage (per mile)	Federal standard mileage rate	
11. Mailing	Actual cost of postage	

J. Writ of garnishment:

1. Serve garnishee	\$((48.00))	<u>58.00</u>
2. Return to court	\$((28.00))	<u>34.00</u>
3. Serve defendant (if required)	\$((48.00))	<u>58.00</u>
4. Mileage (per mile)	Federal standard mileage rate	
5. Mailing	Actual cost of postage	

K. Writ of replevin - affidavit, claim and delivery:

1. Serve defendant with writ - affidavit and bond	\$((48.00))	<u>58.00</u>
2. Serve summons and complaint (one)	\$((36.00))	<u>43.00</u>
3. Serve summons and complaint (two or more)	\$((48.00))	<u>58.00</u>
4. Levy (per hour)	\$((81.00))	<u>97.00</u>
5. Return to court	\$((28.00))	<u>34.00</u>

6. Mileage (per hour)	Federal standard mileage rate	
L. Writ of restitution or writ of assistance, or both:		
1. Service with aid of county		\$((107.00)) <u>128.00</u>
2. Cost per hour after first hour		\$((81.00)) <u>97.00</u>
3. Return to court		\$((28.00)) <u>34.00</u>
4. Mileage (per mile)	Federal standard mileage rate	
M. Redemption:		
1. Serve notice of intent		\$((48.00)) <u>58.00</u>
2. Certificate of redemption		\$((81.00)) <u>97.00</u>
N. Deed issuance		\$((81.00)) <u>97.00</u>
O. Internal-only criminal history record check:		\$((19.00)) <u>23.00</u>
P. Notarizing documents:		\$10.00
Q. All other documents and supporting papers for		
which no other fee is provided in this section:		((48.00)) <u>58.00</u>
R. Fingerprinting:		
1. Noncriminal purpose up to two sets		\$((19.00)) <u>23.00</u>
2. Each additional set		\$((7.00)) <u>8.00</u>
S. Copies when sufficient copies are not furnished		
For first page		\$1.00
Each additional page		\$0.50

SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2026.