

RESOLUTION NO. 62-05

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 80-96

**ASSESSMENT OF SUPERIOR COURT
FILING FEE SURCHARGE
AND
ASSESSMENT OF MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE SURCHARGE**

WHEREAS, a Courthouse Facilitator position was created to assist unrepresented individuals with access to the court in divorce, parenting plans/custody, child support, or in family court matters; and

WHEREAS, creation of this position will reduce the workload caused by pro se litigants on certain of the County Clerk's public service duties and improve the quality of and perception of the quality of justice in family court matters in Mason County; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature, in the 1993 regular session, recognized the impact of pro se litigants on the legal system and authorized county legislative authorities to assess certain Superior Court filing fee surcharges and an additional marriage license fee surcharge to assist with funding of Courthouse Facilitator programs; and

WHEREAS, said additional funding will be provided pursuant to RCW 26.12.240 which authorizes the county legislative authority to assess the imposition of a twenty dollar (\$20.00) surcharge on certain Superior Court filing fees, and pursuant to RCW 26.04.160(2) which authorizes the imposition of an additional fifteen dollar (\$15.00) marriage license fee surcharge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Mason County Commissioners as follows:

- (a) The Superior Court Clerk is authorized and directed to assess and collect the twenty dollar (\$20.00) filing fee surcharge authorized by RCW 26.12.240 and the Laws of 2005, Chapter 457, Section 15, on those Superior Court cases filed under Title 26 RCW, and to deposit said surcharges collected as directed by the aforesaid statute;
- (b) The County Auditor is authorized and directed to assess and collect the additional fifteen dollar (\$15.00) marriage license fee surcharge authorized by RCW 26.12.220, and to deposit said surcharge as directed by the aforesaid statute;
- (c) The surcharge and user fee so collected shall be placed monthly in a separate account to be used to pay expenses of the Courthouse Facilitator program; and

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(d) Effective date shall be July 27, 2005.

DATED at Shelton, Washington, this 5th day of July, 2005.

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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