

BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ORDINANCE NO. 11-2010

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FUNDING THE FAMILY COURT FACILITATOR; AMENDING YAKIMA COUNTY CODE 3.40.030 AND 3.40.050.

WHEREAS, RCW 26.12.240 provides that a county may create a family court facilitator program to provide basic services to pro se litigants in family law cases by imposing a surcharge of up to twenty dollars (\$20.00) on superior court cases filed under Title 26 RCW and/or by imposing a user fee for use of the facilitator program; and

WHEREAS, Yakima County Code 3.40.030 imposes a surcharge of ten dollars (\$10.00) on superior court cases filed under Title 26 RCW and Yakima County Code 3.40.050 imposes a user fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per visit to fund the family court facilitator; and,

WHEREAS, the family court facilitator fees have not been adjusted since 1999; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that revision of the family court facilitator fees is appropriate and necessary; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Yakima County Commissioners that Chapter 3.40 of the Yakima County Code is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3.40.030 of the Yakima County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**3.40.030      Fee for superior court cases filed under Title 26 RCW.**

There is hereby imposed a surcharge of \$20.00 on all superior court cases filed under Title 26 RCW. Such fee shall be collected by the county auditor and shall be maintained in a separate account as provided in RCW 26.12.220.

SECTION 2. Subsection 3.40.050 of the Yakima County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**3.40.050      Fee for use of family court facilitator.**

The superior court may impose a user fee not to exceed \$100.00 per visit for use of the family court facilitator. Such fee shall be maintained in a separate account as provided in RCW 26.12.220.

SECTION 3. The effective date of this amendatory ordinance shall be January 1, 2011.

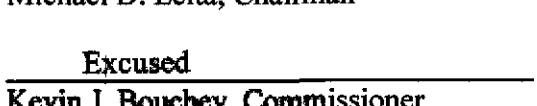
DONE this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010.

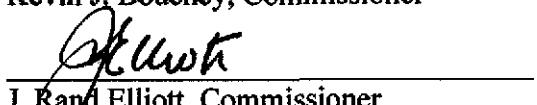


Attest: Tiera L. Girard  
Clerk of the Board

  
Michael D. Leita, Chairman

Excused

  
Kevin J. Bouchey, Commissioner

  
J. Randi Elliott, Commissioner

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