

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 16th day of November 2010.





Michael D. Leita, Chairman

Excused

Kevin J. Bouchey, Commissioner


J. Rand Elliott, Commissioner
*Constituting the Board of County Commissioners
for Yakima County, Washington*


Attest: Tiera L. Girard
Clerk of the Board