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3 BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

4
5 FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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7 ORDINANCE NO. 883
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10 An ordinance amending MCC Chapter 5.10.435 to increase the fee for filing a
11 domestic relations suit in the Circuit Court of Multnomah County from \$137.00 to
12 \$150.00.

13 (Language in brackets [] is to be deleted; underlined language is new.)

14 Section I. Findings.

15 (A) Conciliation and mediation services in Multnomah County are funded by
16 domestic relations filing fees of \$137.00.
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18 (B) The filing fee has not been increased since 1990 and no longer covers
19 the cost of services.

20 (C) The fee increase is included in the approved 1997-98 budget.

21 (D) Related state fees will be increased October 5, 1997, pursuant to 1997
22 legislation.
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24 (E) An increase in the domestic relations filing fee at this time would permit
25 coordination with the state changes and reduce printing and administration costs.
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1 Section II. Amendment.

2 MCC 5.10.435 is amended to read:

3 **5.10.435. Fee for filing a domestic relations suit.**

4 (A) The Multnomah County portion of the fee for filing a domestic relations
5 suit in the circuit court of Multnomah County shall be [~~\$137.00~~] \$150.00. Total
6 receipts from these filings shall be utilized to fund conciliation and mediation services
7 provided by the family court services division.
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9 (B) A child custody evaluation case opening fee of \$150.00 shall be
10 assessed in domestic relations suits in the Circuit Court of Multnomah County
11 involving minor children, at the time court ordered custody investigation is instituted.
12 Both parties to the suit are responsible for payment of the fee. The fee may be
13 assessed as costs at the time of the decree.
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15 (C) A child custody evaluation case opening fee of \$150.00 shall be paid at
16 the time of filing a motion for modification of child custody or visitation, and shall be
17 paid by the moving party.
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19 (D) Total receipts from the case opening fee shall be utilized to fund the
20 family court services division. Persons eligible for legal aid counsel may have the
21 custody evaluation case opening fee deferred, upon application to and approval of the
22 director of family court services, or that person's designee.

23 (E) The director of family court services shall establish written criteria to be
24 used in reviewing application for fee deferral, consistent with local court rules
25 regarding deferral of filing fees.
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1 Section III Adoption.


2 This ordinance, being necessary for the health, safety, and general welfare of the
3 people of Multnomah County, shall take effect on the thirtieth (30th) day after its
4 adoption, pursuant to 5.50 of the Charter of Multnomah County.

5 ADOPTED this 4th day of September, 1997, being the date of its
6 second reading before the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County,
7 Oregon.
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