

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH

ORDINANCE NO. 411

An ordinance raising fees for conciliation services and mediation services for the Multnomah County Circuit Court Domestic Relations program, and declaring an emergency.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS

- A. Pursuant to ORS 107.510 to 107.610 and ORS 107.755 to 107.785, Multnomah County provides conciliation and mediation services for the Domestic Relations Department of the Circuit Court, through the Family Services Division.
- B. The Family Services Division is primarily funded by the imposition of fees charged under ORS 21.112, which allows the imposition of a minimum filing fee of \$75.00 for domestic relations suits in counties which provide conciliation or mediation services.
- C. Under ORS 21.112, the governing body of the county may impose a filing fee in excess of \$75.00 if such additional fee is found to be necessary to pay the expenses of providing these services.
- D. Current funding levels for the Multnomah County Family Services Division budget are insufficient to support the level of conciliation and mediation services presently provided.
- E. The judges of the Domestic Relations Court of Multnomah County have requested an increase from \$75.00 to \$95.00 for filing fees to fund the present level of service.

SECTION II. FEES

The fee for filing a domestic relations suit in the Circuit Court of Multnomah County shall be \$95.00. Total receipts from these filing fees shall be utilized to fund conciliation and mediation services provided by the Family Services Division.

SECTION III. Declaring an Emergency.

This ordinance being necessary the health, safety and general welfare of the people of Multnomah County, an emergency is declared to exist. This ordinance will take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners and authentication by the County Executive.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of February, 1984.

(SEAL)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By Arnold Biskar
Arnold Biskar
Presiding Officer

AUTHENTICATED this 23rd day of February, 1984.

By Dennis Buchanan
Dennis Buchanan
County Executive

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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