

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 920

An Ordinance Amending MCC 17.101, Imposing A Fee For Filing a Motion For Modification of Divorce Decree, and Declaring an Emergency

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

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

SECTION I. AMENDMENT

MCC 17.101 is amended as follows:

- (A) The county portion of the fee for filing a domestic relations suit in the circuit court of the county shall be as set by Board resolution. Total receipts from these filings shall be utilized to fund conciliation and mediation services provided by the family court services division.
- (B) A child custody evaluation case opening fee in an amount set by Board resolution shall be assessed in domestic relations suits in the circuit court of the county involving minor children, at the time court ordered custody investigation is instituted. When one party has moved for modification of custody, the moving party shall pay the fee. In all other cases, both parties to the suit are responsible for payment of the fee. The fee may be assessed as costs at the time of the decree.
- [D] (B) (1) Total receipts from the case opening fee shall be utilized to fund the family court services division. Persons eligible for legal aid counsel may have the custody evaluation case opening fee deferred, upon application to and approval of the director of family court services, or that person's designee.

[E] (B) (2) The director of family court services shall establish written criteria to be used in reviewing application for fee deferral, consistent with local court rules regarding deferral of filing fees.

(C) A fee [*child custody evaluation case opening fee*] in an amount set by Board resolution shall be paid at the time of filing a motion for modification of [*child custody or visitation*] decree and shall be paid by the moving party.

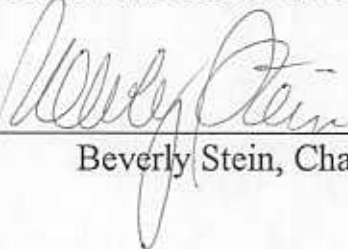
SECTION II. EMERGENCY CLAUSE

This ordinance, being necessary for the health, safety and general welfare of the people of Multnomah County, an emergency is declared and the ordinance shall take effect upon its execution by the County Chair, pursuant to Section 5.50 of the Charter of Multnomah County.

ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 1998, being the date of its first reading before the Board of County Commissioners for Multnomah County, Oregon.

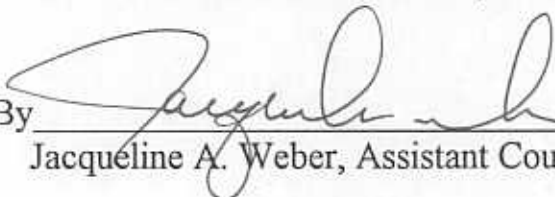


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