

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Council Clerk		6/92	RECEIVED JUL 08 1992 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	7/7/92	Council/Intro
Division Head:				7/28/92	Council/Hearing
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	RSTW	7/6/92			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

SUBJECT:

Ordinance establishing a fee schedule for certain services and items provided by the County Council Office

ATTACHMENTS:

-Ordinance

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.

Related County contract #: N/A	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO / / YES /XX/ Requested date: 7/28/92
Amount budgeted for this item/project: \$ N/A	Is it (or will it be) within budget? YES / / NO / / (Please explain below)
Budget line item number(s):	

The Council Office fee schedule has not been updated since 1990. The proposed fee schedule would enable the Council Office to more adequately recover costs, particularly for those services that currently are heavily subsidized by the County's taxpayers although they benefit only a few. In some cases the rates and charges will offset the cost to the County completely; in others a subsidy still would exist. This ordinance probably will need to be revised annually. A hearing on these proposed fees is required by law.

ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Clerk recommends that the ordinance be adopted.

COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

7/28/92: Council adopted the ordinance. 6-0. Imhof out of the room./

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Council Clerk

INTRODUCTION DATE: 7/7/92

ORDINANCE NO. 92-050

**ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN SERVICES
AND ITEMS PROVIDED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington allows the Whatcom County Council to charge a reasonable fee for copying, research, and other services provided by the Clerk of the Council and her staff; and

WHEREAS, the fee schedule for the County Council Office, based upon rates and fees charged by other County departments, has not been updated since 1990; and

WHEREAS, certain increases to existing fees, and the establishment of new fees, is advisable in order to defray the cost of providing services to the public, and to cover the cost of hiring extra help to provide those services; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public's best interest to charge for those services used by only a small portion of the public, rather than having those services continually subsidized by the general tax-paying public; and

WHEREAS, some of these charges may be applied to departments that are not funded by the Current Expense Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the official Whatcom County Council schedule of fees and charges is hereby adopted, as follows:

Service	Fee or Charge	1990 Fee or Charge
Photocopies (includes copies of Council packet, correspondence, etc.) (based on standard rate, other depts.)	20 cents/page	Same
Certified Copies (based on RCW 36.18.010)	\$3.00 1st page, \$1.00 2nd & subsequent pgs	\$2 1st page, \$1 2nd & subs. pg.
Non-certified official copies (used when official record prepared for court) (based on RCW 36.18.010)	\$1.00 per page	10 cents/page
Record search (based on RCW 36.18.010)	\$8.00 per hour	\$8.00 per hour


Service	Fee or Charge	1990 Fee or Charge
Audio tapes (copies of) (based on market rate)	\$8.00 per tape, full or partial	\$3 for 90 minute, \$2 for 60 minute
Whatcom County Code (based on market rate)	\$100 for basic book, 20 cents ea. supplement pg., binder \$45	Same
Verbatim transcript of Council meetings (based on actual cost)	\$5.00 per page	\$2.50 per page
Ordinance and resolutions, proposed (RCW 65.16.160 and Charter 2.30)	No charge	No charge
Ordinance and resolutions, adopted (RCW 65.16.160 and Charter 2.30)	No charge	No charge
Agendas mailed to citizens (inclusion on weekly mailing list, or special notification list for one issue) (based on Planning Dept. charge)	\$20 per year	No charge
Council meeting packet (1 year subscription, postage not included, paid in advance)	\$180 per year (\$5 per packet (est. 50 pages), 3 packets/month	\$144 a year


BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Clerk of the Council will post this schedule of fees and charges as required by State law.

ADOPTED this 28th day of July, 1992.

ATTEST:

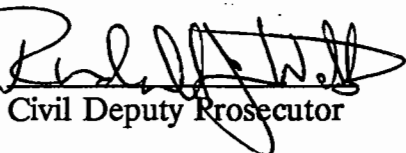
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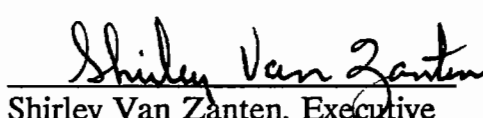

Ramona Reeves, Council Clerk


Daniel M. Warner, Chairman

APPROVED as to form & content:

Approved () Denied


Civil Deputy Prosecutor


Shirley Van Zanten, Executive
Date: 7-29-92