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6 ORDINANCE NO. 2008-81
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9 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Ordinance No. 2004-
10 110, Imposing a \$20.00 Surcharge upon those Superior Court
11 Cases Filed Under Title 26 Revised Code of Washington; and
12 Setting an Effective Date.**
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14 **Whereas**, the 53rd Legislature, 1993 Regular Session, adopted Substitute
15 Senate Bill (SSB) 5528 (Revised Code of Washington [RCW] 26.12.240), authorizing
16 the County to create a Courthouse Facilitator Program to provide basic services to pro
17 se litigants in family law cases, and said Bill was approved and signed by the Governor;
18 and
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20 **Whereas**, SSB 5528 further authorized the County Legislative Authority to
21 impose user fees or a surcharge of up to \$10.00 on only those Superior Court cases
22 filed under Title 26 RCW, or both, to pay for the expenses of the Courthouse Facilitator
23 Program; and
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25 **Whereas**, on August 31, 1993, the Council passed Ordinance No. 93-73, which
26 authorized the creation of a Courthouse Facilitator Program funded by a \$10.00
27 surcharge on all Superior Court cases filed under Title 26 RCW; and
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29 **Whereas**, on November 23, 2004, the Council passed Ordinance No. 2004-110,
30 which authorized the assessment of a user fee in the amount of \$10.00 for all
31 Courthouse Facilitator Program requests received relating to cases filed under Title 26
32 RCW; and
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34 **Whereas**, Chapter 457, Laws of 2005 (RCW 26.12.240), further authorized the
35 County Legislative Authority to impose user fees or a surcharge of up to \$20.00 on only
36 those Superior Court cases filed under Title 26 RCW, or both, to pay for the expenses
37 of the Courthouse Facilitator Program; and
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39 **Whereas**, this Program has resulted in the expenditure of large amounts of
40 personnel time and resources of the County to provide the service, and it is now
41 necessary to increase the surcharge to partially recoup the expenses involved; **Now**
42 **Therefore**,

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44 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**
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1 Section 1. The Pierce County Council hereby amends Ordinance No. 2004-110
2 authorizing the Clerk of the Superior Court to assess a surcharge in the amount of
3 \$20.00 for all cases filed under Title 26 RCW.

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5 Section 2. The effective date of this Ordinance is January 1, 2009.
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7 **PASSED** this ____ day of _____, 2008.
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9 ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

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14 **Denise D. Johnson**
15 Clerk of the Council

Terry Lee
Council Chair

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John W. Ladenburg
Pierce County Executive
Approved ____ Vetoed _____, this
21 _____ day of _____,
22 _____
23 2008.

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25 Date of Publication of
26 Notice of Public Hearing: _____

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28 Effective Date of Ordinance: _____

