

WHATCOM COUNTY CLERK'S FEE SCHEDULE

Effective December 1, 2015

Payments may be made in cash, debit / credit card, cashier's check / money order, or law firm check. Check for filing fee should be separate amount from check for other services. All fees must be paid in advance. RCW 36.18.018

CIVIL

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Abstract of Judgment	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(2)
Abstract of Judgment	First Page	5.00	36.18.016(4)
	Each Additional Page	1.00	
Anti-Harassment Petition	Filing (NO FEE IN WHATCOM)	53.00	36.18.018.020(2)(d)10.14.040
Arbitration Request for Trial De Novo	Filing	250.00	36.18.016(26)
Arbitration-Request for Mandatory Arbitration	Filing	250.00	36.18.016(25)
Bail Bond Justification	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Change of Name	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Civil Case Filing	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Common Law Lien-Petition	Filing	35.00	36.18.012(9)
Counter-claim, Cross-claim, 3 rd Party claim	Filing in civil case	240.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Deeds of Trust, Surplus Funds	Filing	240.00	61.24.080(3) 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Election – Affidavit of Elector Contesting Election of Person	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 29A.68.030 29A.68.011
Emancipation of Minor	Filing	50.00	36.18.014(2) 13.64.020
Foreign Judgment	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Frivolous Lien/Claim Statute	Filing of Application for Order	35.00	36.18.016(18) 60.04.081(3)
Judicial Review	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(c) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Jury Demand	6 member jury	125.00	36.18.016(3)(a)
	12 member jury	250.00	
Land Use Petition	Filing	240.00	36.70C.040 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Legal Newspaper	Filing Petition & Order	240.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 65.16.040

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Property Taxes, Certification of Delinquency, Application for Judgment	Filing; \$2 each contestant at time of filing appeal	2.00	84.64.120 84.64.040
Registration of Land Titles (Torrens Act)	Filing	20.00	65.12.780 36.18.016(14)
Relief from Duty to Register as a Sex Offender	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Restoration of Rights to Possess Firearms	Filing	240.00	9.41.047 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Restrictive covenant for filing petition to strike discriminatory provisions in real estate	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(6) 49.60.227
Supplemental Proceedings	Filing	20.00	36.18.016(7)
Tax Warrants - Dept of Revenue; All other depts. Special Fuels Tax	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(10) 82.38.235
Transcript of Judgment	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(2)
Unlawful Detainer	1. Filing 2. Defendant files Answer or Order to Show Cause, Plaintiff pays fee Full filing fee	85.00 <u>112.00</u> 197.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.050(5)(c) 36.18.012(4)
Vulnerable Adult Protection Order	NO FEE		74.34.110
Water Rights Statement	Filing	25.00	36.18.016(17) 90.03.180
Water System Requirements (Enforcement of---)	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 70.119A.040(6)
Work Permits -minor under 14 yrs of age (Petition)	Filing	20.00	28A.225.080 26.28.060 36.18.050
Writs of: Attachment, Garnishment or Restitution, Execution of Real Property	Each filing	20.00	36.18.016(6) 36.18.050

DOMESTIC

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Committed Intimate Relationship (formerly Meretricious Relationship)	Filing	260.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.016 26.12.240
Counter Petition (filing in an existing case)	Filing (includes \$20 facilitator fee)	260.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.016(16) 26.12.240
Custody	Filing (includes \$20 facilitator fee)	260.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.016(16) 26.12.240

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Custody – Out of State Decree	Filing to enforce or modify (includes \$20_facilitator fee)	260.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.016(16) 26.12.240 26.27.441
Domestic Relations (Divorce, Legal Separation, Validity of Marriage)	Filing (includes \$20 Facilitator fee & \$54 Victim Assessment fee)	314.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 26.12.240 36.18.016(16) 36.18.016(2)(b)
Family Court Facilitator	Added to filing fee or if fee waived, \$20 to be paid. Fee for Services	20.00	36.18.016(16) 26.12.240 UFS ORD 2014-063
Modification of Decree - in existing Whatcom Cause # *Note: Also for Objection to Relocation & Petition for Modification	Filing in existing case Facilitator fee Total	36.00 <u>20.00</u> 56.00	36.18.016(2) 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.016(16) 26.12.240 36.18.050
Modification of Decree Never filed in this county	New Filing Facilitator fee	260.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.016(16)
Relocation Notice (Confidential Pleading)	Filing in Existing Case Facilitator fee Total	36.00 <u>20.00</u> 56.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.016(16) 36.18.050 26.09.260
Wage Assignment, Spousal Maintenance or Child Support	Filing of Original action	260.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.016(16) 26.18.070

PROBATE/PATERNITY/ADOPTION

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Adoption	Filing Facilitator fee	260.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.016(16) 26.12.240
Adoption Certified Copy Fee (for vital records)	Certified copy	-0-	Vital records
Adoption registration fee (for vital records)	Seal the file	35.00	Vital records
Certificate of Qualification	Issuance (Form K)	5.00	36.18.016(9)
Certificate of Registration of Trust – issued by Clerk	Issuance of Certificate (30 days after filing of the registration, if no objection)	5.00	36.18.016(9) (fee similar to issuance of Letters Testamentary)
Disclaimer of Interest	Fee repealed - see exceptions	-0-	11.86.031(4) 36.18.016(13)
Escheat - Probate Proceedings	Filing Claim Filing Dept. of Revenue Affidavit	240.00 2.00	36.18.020(2)(f) 36.18.020(5)(c) 11.08.300

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Estate - Probate	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(f) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Guardianship	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(f) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Letters of Administration, Guardianship or Testamentary	Issuance & certified copy	5.00	36.18.016(9)
Non-judicial probate dispute filed within existing case	Filing - Petition, written agreement/memorandum	20.00	11.96.170 36.18.012(8)
Non-Probate Notice to Creditors	Filing	240.00	11.42.010(3)(a) 36.18.020(2)(f) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Notice to Creditors-Probate filed in another county where decedent resided	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(3)(8) 36.18.050 11.40.020(2)
Paternity	Filing Facilitator fee	260.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.016(16)
Paternity Modification	Filing Facilitator fee Total	36.00 <u>20.00</u> 56.00	36.18.016(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.016(16)
Petition Contesting Will or Trust (TEDRA)	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(g) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Petition Objecting to Non-Judicial Resolution	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(g) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Petition to Admit Rejected Will	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(g) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Registration of Trust – Filing of Registration (RCW 11.98-005 Eff. 1/1/12)	Filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Small Estate Affidavit	Filing	20.00	11.62.010 36.18.050
Termination of Child Relationship	Filing Facilitator fee	260.00	26.12.240 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.016(16)
Will Only (after death - no probate contemplated)	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(7) 36.18.016(28)
Will Repository (people still living-before death)	Filing	20.00	11.12.265 36.18.016(28)

CRIMINAL (imposed by Court upon conviction or guilty plea)

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Collection fee – Criminal	Charge per case per year for clerk to supervise collection of payments	Up to \$100 per year	UFS ORD 2014-063 36.18.016(29)
Crime Victim Penalty Assessment upon conviction/admission of guilt	Felony or Gross Misdemeanor	500.00 250.00	7.68.035 (1)

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Filing Fee/Costs imposed & reimbursement to county following admission of guilt/conviction	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(h)
Jury Fees upon conviction	6-person jury 12-person jury	125.00 250.00	10.01.160 10.46.190 36.18.016(3)(b)
Judgment Extension	Fee for Processing Extension	200.00	6.17.020 9.94A.760(4) 10.46.190 36.18.016(15)

JUVENILE FEES

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Crime Victim Penalty upon conviction/admission of guilt	Felony Misdemeanor	100.00 75.00	7.68.035 (1)(b)
Petition to Reinstate Previously Terminated Parent Rights – Filed by Child at Least Age 12 <i>(This proceeding is a separate action from the termination case and is filed as a new case. See RCW 13.34.215(13))</i>	Filing Fee	Child to do fee waiver	13.34.215

APPEALS

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Appeals from Administrative Hearing Decision	Filing (also see non-fee list)	240.00	34.05.514 36.18.020(2)(c) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Clerk's Certificate on Appeal		2.00	36.18.016(5)
Clerk's Papers	Preparation of designated papers	.50 per page	36.18.016 (21) RAP 9.7 (a), 15.4(e)
Notice of Appeal / Discretionary Review from Court of Limited Jurisdiction- Civil case	Filing (to be paid to lower court)	230.00	36.18.020(2)(b) 36.18.020(5)(b)
Notice of Appeal / Discretionary Review from Court of Limited Jurisdiction- Criminal case	Filing (imposed when affirmed or dismissed – to be paid at lower court)	200.00	36.18.020(2)(h)
Notice of Appeal from Superior Court matter to Appellate Court	Filing (payable to Whatcom County Clerk)	290.00	36.18.018(2) 36.18.018(4) 2.32.070
Petition to Review Court of Appeal Decision Terminating Review	Filing (to Court of Appeals)	200.00	2.32.070
Transmittal of record & exhibits to Appellate Court	Mailing costs	Actual cost	RAP 9.8, 15.4(e)
Upon conviction; failure to prosecute appeal; or affirming conviction in Court of limited jurisdiction	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(h)

MISCELLANEOUS

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Authenticated or Exemplified copies of documents on file	Certificate \$2 per seal (plus certified copy fees for documents attached to certificate -- \$5 1 st page, \$1 additional pages per doc)	4.00 Plus certified copy fee 5/1	36.18.016(4)
Civil Bench Warrants, Notices, Summons, Subpoenas, Certificates of Deposition for Out of State Depositions	Issuance	20.00	36.18.050
Bond – approving, including justification on the bond other than in civil actions & probate proceedings		2.00	36.18.016(8)
Certificate	Executing with or without seal	2.00	36.18.016(5)
Change of Venue	Filing fee (payable to Clerk of County to which case is being transferred) Or Domestic cases (DIN, DIC, INV & SEP)----- All other Domestic cases--- Preparing Change Venue	240.00 314.00 260.00 20.00	4.12.090 36.18.020(2)(a)(b) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.016(16) CR 82(d) 26.12.240 36.18.016(19)
Copies: Certified copies of documents from legal file or imaged documents	First page of each document Every following page of each document	5.00 1.00 per page	36.18.016(4)
Copies: Documents without seal (un-filed, filed or scanned)	Per pager	.50	36.18.016(4)
Copies: Electronic copies, E-mail documents w/o seal	E-mailing (per page)	.25	36.18.016(4)
Copies of cassette tapes Copies of CD's	Audio Tapes Audio/Video CD's	10.00 25.00	36.18.016(13)
Dike, Drainage & Sewerage Improvement District	Petition for Review filing	240.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 85.15.110
Ex Parte	Presentation of Order, Conforming provided copies per order	30.00	36.18.016(12)
Extension of judgment	Filing	200.00	36.18.016(14) 6.17.010
Fees in Special Cases – where no fee is provided for; fees similar & equal to those allowed for services of the same kind	Filing	Variable	36.18.050
Filing any paper not related to or part of any Civil, Criminal or Probate matter, required or permitted to be filed for which no other charge is provided by law.	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(3)

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Forms/Packets available in person at Clerk's Office	Per packet	Variable	
Investment Service Fee – if written request received for service	Service fee for interest investments	5% of Income Earned	36.48.090 36.18.016(23)
NSF Check charge	NSF	30.00	UFS ORD 2014-063
Oaths & Affirmations	Fee repealed	-0-	RCW 5.28
Reports & copies produced at the local level as permitted by 2.68.020 & Supreme Court Policy	Copies & reports	Variable	36.18.016(22) 36.48.090
Searches and Statistical Reports	Looking for cases Research Exceptional record search Compiling reports	\$30.00 per hour	36.18.016(11)
Witness/Jury Fee	Per day Per mile	10.00 .58/mile	2.40.010
Cost of non-statutory services rendered by clerk by authority of local ordinance or policy must be charged		Actual cost	36.18.016(24)

FEES IN SPECIAL CASES (RCW 36.18.050)

1. When the Clerk is required to perform services for which no fee or compensation are specifically listed, the Clerk shall be allowed fees similar to and allowed for similar services by statute.
2. Investment service charge and earnings under RCW 36.48.090 must be charged
3. Costs for non-statutory services rendered by clerk by authority of local ordinance or policy must be charged.

FEE EXEMPTIONS

Title	Service Provided
Adoptions Preplacement Report	RCW 26.33.190(5) – Report filed at no cost, even if no case filed yet. Assign a case # and fee is required when Pet. For Adoption is filed
Disclaimer of Interest	RCW 11.86.031(4) Repealed 2005 – no charge
Domestic Violence Petitions	RCW 26.50.040 – no filing fees, forms provided free of charge, no charges for certified copies or service fees.
Employment Security	50.32.110, 50.32.190 Judicial Review on Unemployment Compensation -No fees of any kind chargeable to individuals -No fees for department for any clerks
Guardianships	RCW 11.88.030 & 11.88.150(2) – if attorney general petitions for appointment of guardian, no fee charged. Or if the alleged incapacitated person has less than \$3,000 in total assets, no filing fee is charged.
Immigration	No charge for any fees to the U.S. Dept. of Immigration for requests relating to their duties.
In Forma Pauperis	RCW 7.36.250, 36.18.022 – If order signed, Clerk does not charge any fees for filing.

Title	Service Provided
Paternity & Support Actions	RCW 74.20.300 – no fees charged to DSHS or Prosecutor in these cases.
Petition for Initial Detention by Family, Guardian or Conservator (“Joel’s Law” case) New Cause Code Eff. 7/24/15:MIF	SSB 5269 – No charge for filing fee (Clerk to bill local RSN.)
Relinquishment for adoption	RCW 36.18.020(3) – no fee for filing petitions under this RCW
Veterans Administration	RCW 73.36.155 & 73.04.010, 73.04.120 No fees charged to the requesting party when requesting copies of legal documents for matters concerning VA eligibility, etc.
Vulnerable Adult Protection Order	RCW 74.34.110(9), 74.34.140 - No filing fee may be charged to the petitioner for proceedings under this section.

Limited Partnerships now filed with Secretary of State. Certificates of Osteopath, Osteopathy Surgery, Chiropractors, Chiropody, Optometry, etc., now filed with Department of Licenses.