

**WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE**

County Courthouse
311 Grand Avenue, Suite #108
Bellingham, WA 98225-4082



Pete Kremen
County Executive

**WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2011-06**

WHEREAS, the 2011 Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule was adopted by County Council by Ordinance Number 2010-055; and

WHEREAS, a new Unified Fee Schedule for 2012 has not yet been drafted; and

WHEREAS, the District Court desires to add an Ex Parte Fee of \$15.00 as authorized by RCW 3.62.060(); and

WHEREAS, the new Ex Parte fee will be effective January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is authorized by County Ordinance No. 2007-070 to make modifications to the Unified Fee Schedule by Executive Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VITURE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR WHATCOM COUNTY, I HEREBY ORDER, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012, THAT THE 2011 UNIFIED FEE SCHEDULE SHALL BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FEES TO BE LISTED UNDER THE HEADING OF DISTRICT COURT:

Reference No.	Description of Fee	2011 Rate	Change or New	New Fee	Rate Basis
N/A (new)	Ex Parte Fee	None	New	\$15.00	Per Ex Parte Order except for Civil Anti-Harrassment, Domestic Violence Cases & Dismissal Orders

Dated this 15TH day of November, 2011.



Pete Kremen, Whatcom County Executive

**WHATCOM COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT**
Whatcom County Courthouse
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 401
Bellingham, WA 98225-4081



MATTHEW S. ELICH
Judge

DAVID M. GRANT
Judge

ANTHONY PARISE
Commissioner

BRUCE VAN GLUBT
Administrator

TO: Attorneys in Civil Practice in Whatcom County District Court

FROM: Bruce Van Glubt

DATE: September 29, 2011

SUBJ: Ex Parte Fees

Along with private business and local and state government, Whatcom County has experienced reduced funding and revenue since 2008. As a result, the District Court has suffered dramatic reductions in its budget and has lost staff. The court has reluctantly determined it is necessary to impose an ex parte fee of \$15.00 starting on January 2, 2012. This fee will be imposed under the provisions of RCW 3.62.060(9). This statute provides that:

RCW 3.62.060

Filing fees in civil cases — Fees allowed as court costs.

(9) At the option of the district court, for clerk's services such as processing ex parte orders, performing historical searches, compiling statistical reports, and conducting exceptional record searches, a fee not to exceed twenty dollars per hour or portion of an hour.

To be specific, the following documents will be assessed

- Default Judgments/Orders of Default
- Garnishments: Judgments on Answers, Orders to Pay, Judgments on Answers of Garnishee, Orders of Court Directing Payment of Funds, Default Judgments Against Garnishee, Judgments and Orders to Disburse on Answer of Garnishee, Orders Discharging Garnishee, etc.
- Orders for Subpoena directed to the Employment Security Office
- Any other ex parte process that does not have a filing fee in order to process

The ex parte fee will not be charged to orders relating to civil anti harassment, domestic violence cases and dismissal orders.

Only one fee will be charged when processing a single motion involving or containing multiple orders received at the same time, for the same cause number, requiring one review.

The court is aware of the economic difficulty we are all facing. This decision was only made after an analysis of the cost of processing ex parte orders was completed.

Distribution List for Ex Parte Letter:

1. Local attorneys
2. Whatcom County Bar Association
3. Alliance One
4. North Washington Collections
5. Merchant's Credit Corporation
6. Skagit Bonded and Collectors
7. Physicians and Dentist Credit Bureau
8. Credit International
9. Audit and Adjustment
10. Evergreen Financial Services
11. Accounts Receivable
12. Allied Credit
13. Arrow Financial
14. Asset Acceptance
15. Associated Credit
16. Dynamic Strategies
17. First Resolution
18. Portfolio Recovery
19. Rent Collect
20. Debt Recovery Specialists
21. United Collection
22. IQ International
23. Wells Fargo
24. Discover
25. Robert Friedman
26. Jeffrey Yonek
27. Craig Cammock
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37. Andrew Heinegg
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