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ORDINANCE NO. <u>485</u>, 1992

An Ordinance establishing surcharges to court filing fees for funding of Dispute Resolution Center.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

## Chapter 5.22

## Surcharge for Funding Dispute Resolution Center

## Sections:

5.22.010	Purpose
5.22.020	Surcharge to be Imposed
5.22.030	Effective Date
5.22.040	Collection and Implementation
5.22.050	Severability

C.C.C. 5.21.010. Purpose. R.C.W. 7.75, et. seq. authorizes the creation of alternative dispute resolution centers to provide speedy, cost effective, non-judicial resolutions of disputes. R.C.W. 7.75.035 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to impose a surcharge on court filing fees for the purpose of funding dispute resolution centers. The monies collected pursuant to this authority must be used solely for dispute resolution centers established under R.C.W. 7.75, et. seq.

C.C.C. 5.22.020. Surcharge to be Imposed. A surcharge of ten dollars shall be imposed on each civil filing fee in district court. A surcharge of fifteen dollars shall be imposed on each filing fee for small claims actions.

C.C.C. 5.22.030. Effective Date. The surcharges authorized hereunder shall commence five (5) days after a dispute resolution center has been approved by the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to R.C.W. 7.75.020(2). Upon approval, the Clerk of the Board is directed to forthwith notify the court operations managers for the district courts of Clallam County of the Board's approval. Said notification shall be in writing and shall advise the court operations managers of the effective date of the surcharge.

C.C.C. 5.22.040. Collection and Implementation. Surcharges imposed shall be collected by the clerk of the court and remitted to the county treasurer for deposit in a separate account to be used solely for dispute resolution centers established under R.C.W. 7.75, et. seq.

C.C.C. 5.22.050. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this chapter is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality

of the remaining portions of this ordinance; it being herein expressly declared that this chapter and each section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase thereof would have been adopted irrespective of the fact that any one (1) or more other sections, sub-sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF September

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Dave Cameron

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

cc: Bill Knebes, Family Court Treasurer Steve Brown Jan Boggs Minutes Auditor