



WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2002-03

AMENDMENT TO THE 2002 UNIFIED FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the 2001 Unified Fee Schedule has listed comprehensive fees for the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, RCW 9.94A.145 as amended by Chapter 196, Section 6(12), Laws of 1999, allows the Washington State Department of Corrections to transfer supervision of Legal Financial Obligations (LFO's) on convicted offenders to County Clerks and authorizes Clerks to charge a fee for collection of financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, a protocol between County Clerks and the Department of Corrections has set the LFO supervision fee in an amount not to exceed \$100.00 per case per year to be deducted from the first payments made by the offender until the fee is paid, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Corrections has by practice collected financial supervision fees without regard to court ordered fees; and

WHEREAS, funding a collection service for recovery of victim's restitution, indigent attorney fees and other court costs is deemed to be in the best interest of the citizens of Whatcom County and the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk requests this new fee be added to the Unified Fee Schedule to cover the cost supervising Legal Financial obligations (LFO's) and

WHEREAS, the county Executive is authorized by County Ordinance No. 97-059 to make modifications to the Unified Fee Schedule by Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN MY BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER FOR WHATCOM COUNTY, I hereby order, effective July 1, 2002, that a fee be charged offenders of up to \$100.00 per case, per year, for supervising collection of payments ordered by the Whatcom County Superior Court and that the 2001 Unified Fee Schedule shall be amended to include such fee. This addition shall be inserted on page 45 of the Unified Fee Schedule.

Dated this 20 day of June, 2002.



Pete Kremen, Whatcom County Executive