

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING
DISTRICT COURT FILING AND JURY TRIAL FEES
FOR THE CITY OF LACEY**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into by and between the COUNTY OF THURSTON, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, and the CITY OF LACEY, hereinafter referred to as CITY;

WHEREAS, the CITY and COUNTY desire to ensure that court services, case proceedings and court operations are delivered as consistently and efficiently as possible across all courts; and

WHEREAS, the CITY and COUNTY desire to work together to provide an accessible forum for the fair, efficient, and consistent resolution of cases; and

WHEREAS, CITY resources are limited and the COUNTY can provide court services in an efficient and comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, filing fees are to be determined pursuant to an Agreement between the CITY and the COUNTY as provided for in Chapter 39.34 RCW, the Interlocal Cooperation Act; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and the CITY are desirous of establishing filing fees at a mutually acceptable rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, covenants, and performance, contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. GENERAL

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish filing fees to be paid by the CITY for any criminal or traffic citations and infraction actions that are filed in Thurston County District Court for CITY ordinance violations.

1.2 Administration

The administration of the terms of this Agreement shall be done in the same manner and by the same agency and agents as now administer filing fees in Thurston County District Court.

1.3 Property

This Agreement does not provide for the acquisition, holding or disposal of real or personal property.

1.4 Financing

There shall be no financing or any joint or cooperative undertaking pursuant to this Agreement. There shall be no budget maintained for any joint or cooperative undertaking pursuant to this Agreement.

1.5 Payments

The COUNTY will bill the CITY at end of the month after the end of the preceding quarter. The CITY in return will have 30 days to submit payments to the COUNTY.

1.6 Calendars

The COUNTY and the CITY both have an interest in the efficient use of courtroom time and efficient case calendaring. A primary incentive for the CITY in entering this Agreement is the understanding that the CITY will have a strong voice in the manner that its hearings will be calendared. To this end, the COUNTY will work with the CITY to ensure the efficiency of all CITY calendars.

2. FILING FEES

2.1 Filing Fee

The CITY agrees to pay filing fees in accordance with the following schedule for each criminal or traffic infraction filed in Thurston County District Court for violation of any CITY ordinance for the years 2017 through 2022, except as provided in 2.4 of this Agreement:

Traffic	\$ 52.00
Parking	\$ 50.00
DUI	\$ 367.00
Criminal Traffic	\$ 207.00
Criminal Non-Traffic	\$ 285.00

2.2 Exceptions

This Agreement does not apply in traffic cases wherein bail or penalty is forfeited to a violations bureau established pursuant to Chapter 3.30.090.

2.3 Jury Trial Fees

A fee shall be paid by the CITY to the COUNTY to cover the cost of summoning a jury. This fee is called the Jury Trial Confirmed Selection Fee and shall be applicable to each case wherein a jury trial is confirmed by the CITY at the confirmation hearing. This fee shall be \$156.00 in 2017.

An additional fee called the Jury Trial Daily Fee of \$379.00 per day or partial day of trial shall be paid by the CITY to the COUNTY for each case which is terminated or otherwise concluded after the actual commencement of a jury trial.

For purposes of this Agreement, a jury trial is deemed commenced when the jury is impaneled.

For purposes of this Agreement, a case shall include a charge filed against a named individual or multiple charges filed against an individual, which are consolidated for purposes of trial.

2.4 Adjustments for Inflation

The fees set forth above are for the duration of this Agreement, until or unless the fees are adjusted for inflation as set forth herein. Pursuant to Section 3.2 herein, fees shall be increased effective each January 1st for inflation based on the previous year's June to June Seattle CPI-W Index. However, the annual increase shall not be greater than five percent (5%). (For example, a rate increase effective January 1, 2018, will be based on the June 2016 to June 2017 Seattle CPI-W Index.)

2.5 Other Costs

The fees set forth in Section 2.1 and 2.3 of this Agreement shall include all COUNTY services for District Court proceedings except for the following additional costs to be paid by the CITY:

- a. Attorney costs for indigent representation which costs shall be paid directly by the CITY through a separate contract for such services;
- b. Witness costs, juror costs, including meals as required, together with the applicable mileage allowance, mental health evaluation costs and the cost of interpreter service which costs and allowance(s) shall be paid directly by the CITY;

- c. Prosecution costs including prosecution costs associated with any appeal in CITY cases;
- d. Costs associated with the operation of the City of Lacey Violations Bureau. The CITY shall be liable for all the acts or omissions of the City of Lacey Violations Bureau.

2.6 Annual Cap

There shall be an annual cap on the total filing and jury trial fees in Sections 2.1 and 2.3 as follows:

2017	\$400,000
2018	\$400,000
2019	\$400,000
2020	\$425,000
2021	\$425,000
2022	\$425,000 plus 100% of CPI up to a maximum of 5%

3. TERM AND EXTENSION

3.1 Term

This Agreement shall be in effect upon the later of the approval by the governing body of each party, and the postings upon the websites of the parties as provided by RCW 39.34.040. The term of the Agreement shall be from January 1, 2017 to and including December 31, 2022.

3.2 Extension

The CITY may determine to extend the contractual relationship with the COUNTY after expiration of the term by giving notice to the COUNTY of such intent no later than October 1, 2022. After the delivery of such notice, both parties shall negotiate in good faith regarding the terms of a new agreement.

If the parties are unable to agree to the terms of a new agreement, either party may submit the matter to arbitration pursuant to RCW 3.62.070. In the event the issue of filing fees is submitted to arbitration, the arbitrator or arbitrators shall only consider those additional costs borne by the COUNTY in providing District Court services to the CITY as provided for by RCW 3.62.070. However nothing contained herein shall prohibit the parties from mutually agreeing to extend the period of good faith negotiations or to submit the matter to mediation for resolution of the outstanding issues.

4. CHANGES

Either party may request changes to the scope of services and performance to be provided hereunder, however, no change or addition to this Agreement shall be valid or binding upon either party unless such change or addition be in writing and signed by both parties. Such amendments shall be attached to and made part of this Agreement.

5. NOTICE

Notice provided for in this Agreement shall be sent by U.S. mail to the addresses designated for the parties as set forth below. Notice will be deemed received on the third business day following the date of the notice.

6. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This Agreement has been and shall be construed as having been made and delivered within the State of Washington, and it is agreed by each party hereto that this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, both as to interpretation and performance.

Any action of law, suit in equity, or judicial proceeding for the enforcement of this Agreement or any provisions thereof, shall be instituted and maintained only in any of the courts of competent jurisdiction in Thurston County, Washington.

7. SEVERABILITY

If, for any reason, any part, term or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of the United States to be illegal, void or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall be construed and enforced as if the Agreement did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

8. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The parties agree that this Agreement is the complete expression of the terms hereto and any oral representations or understandings not incorporated herein are not further valid, any modification of this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties. Failure to comply with any of the provisions stated herein shall constitute material breach of contract and cause for termination. Both parties recognize time is of the essence in the performance of the provisions of this Agreement. It is also agreed by the parties that the forgiveness of the nonperformance of any provision of this Agreement does not constitute a waiver of the provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed this

27 day of FEBRUARY, 2017.

CITY OF LACEY

By: 
Scott Spence, City Manager

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Thurston County, Washington

By: 
Ramiro Chavez, Interim County Manager

ATTEST:


City Clerk

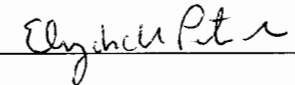
ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY

By: 

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JON TUNHEIM
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

By: 
Chief Civil Deputy