

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - County Clerk's Fees]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to adjust the fees imposed by the County Clerk, and authorizing the Controller to make future adjustments to the County Clerk's fees to ensure that costs of the County Clerk's services are recovered without producing revenue that is significantly more than such costs.

Existing Law

Administrative Code Sections 8.33.1 and 8.33.2 set forth fees the County Clerk charges for services offered to the public, and provide for automatic adjustments to those fees based on changes to the Consumer Price Index. Administrative Code Section 62.9 sets forth fees charged by the County Clerk for the performance of a civil ceremony for domestic partnership. The fees currently reflected in Sections 8.33.1 and 62.9 of the Administrative Code have been adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index pursuant to Section 8.33.2 of the Administrative Code.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance amends the table of fees in Section 8.33.1, and adjusts the fees for the performance of a civil ceremony for domestic partnership in Section 62.9, to update such fees to reflect changes to the Consumer Price Index and to produce revenues sufficient to support the costs of the County Clerk's services without producing revenue which is significantly more than such costs. The amendment also adds a provision to Section 8.33.2 to allow for future adjustments to the County Clerk's fees, as determined by the Controller, to produce revenues sufficient to support the costs of providing the services without producing revenue which is significantly more than such costs, in addition to adjustments based on changes to the Consumer Price Index.

Background Information

The legislation is designed to ensure that the County Clerk's fees are adjusted to reflect the actual fees for fiscal year 2024-2025 that will generate sufficient revenue. It would also allow the Controller to make future adjustments based upon the costs of services, in addition to adjustments based on changes to the Consumer Price Index.

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