

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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) GAO 19-07
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) Repealing GAO 13-03 and 02-89
) GAO 13-03 is hereby repealed and replaced with the
) following:

Whereas the Court has authorized the use of collection agencies pursuant to GAO 97-50 and by authority of RCW 3.02.045, and the court continues to find the need and necessity to contract with a collection agency on certain terms and conditions, and the court further finding that monies paid for servicing of delinquencies by a collection agency should be assessed as additional court costs, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Court shall use the services of a collection agency for the purpose of collecting unpaid and delinquent penalties on infractions, criminal fines, costs, assessments and forfeitures and on any other monetary obligations, howsoever denominated, on the terms and conditions of a contract for collection services between King County and a vendor(s), and as may subsequently be amended, AND IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED that the agency's collection fee shall automatically and without further action of the Court in any individual case, be assessed against the defendant as a court cost and be added to the total judgment of the Court for each account upon referral to the collection agency, effective as of the inception of the contract for collection services, and that that fee shall similarly be re-assessed against any non-dischargeable debt included in a defendant's bankruptcy action upon entry of an order of discharge so as to permit post-discharge collection efforts to resume, AND IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED that if interest is applicable to the case interest shall accrue on monetary obligations at the statutory rate allowed by law.

Date this 8 day of August, 2019



Judge Donna Tucker, Chief Presiding Judge
King County District Court