

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

) **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

) Clerk's Action Required

) **No. 97-50**

) *Revised -*

) Authorizing Use of a Collection Agency and

) Assessment as Court Costs of Amounts Paid

) for Collection Services

THIS MATTER, having been considered by the Court, sua sponte, pursuant to authority of RCW 3.02.045; the Court finding that use of a collection agency on the terms and conditions of the contract awarded by King County is in the interest of justice and judicial administration; and the Court further finding that moneys paid for servicing of delinquencies by a collection agency should be assessed as additional court costs; NOW THEREFORE, 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, on the terms and conditions of the contract for collection services between King County and said collection agency, and as may subsequently be amended, and it is further

ORDERED that the agency's fee or charge, as set forth in the said contract, shall be added by the agency as a court cost to the total judgment of the Court against each defendant whose account is referred by the Court to said collection agency, and it is further

ORDERED that interest shall accrue on penalties, fines, bail forfeitures, fees and costs at the rate of twelve (12) percent per annum upon assignment to a collection agency and to accrue only while the case is in collection status, when so authorized by law.

DONE this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1997

  
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JUDGE JAMES D. CAYCE, PRESIDING JUDGE  
KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT