

CLERK'S ALERT

DATE: July 17, 2007

TO: Clark County Bar Association
Diane Wheeler, Executive Director

FROM: Sherry W. Parker, Clark County Clerk
Teri A. Nielsen, Chief Deputy Clerk

Fee Increase:

The Department of Health has notified us that as of July 22, 2007, the price of a birth certificate will increase from \$17.00 to \$20.00. Keep in mind that this will increase the price of obtaining a certified copy of a paternity affidavit from \$32.00 to \$35.00 and when requesting a new birth certificate after an adoption is granted. If you have further questions, you should contact the Department of Health directly.

Restraining Orders:

Please include **all of the statewide pattern forms language** for Temporary Restraining Orders and Decrees of Dissolution, as well as the "Clerk's Action Required" in the heading. When these items are not complete, the Orders are returned to the Clerk's Office by the Sheriff's Department and cause delays in processing. If you have questions or need clarification, please call Teri Nielsen at 397-2292 x4242.

Docket Changes:

The Protection Order docket has been moved to Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am. Check the schedule or the posting in the elevator for location.

The Probation Violation docket is now being heard by Commissioner Stahnke

The Video Probation Violation docket has been discontinued. Those items are now being heard as part of the daily Arraignment Docket.

Additions to the Clerk's Website:

A new item has been added to the Clerk's page on the county website: www.clark.wa.gov/courts/clerk. It is called Docket Changes and Cancellations and our staff updates it regularly to reflect changes forwarded to us by the judges. In addition, it includes information about the Change of Plea dockets and the court's Policy for the Readiness Docket. This is important information to allow these dockets to proceed smoothly and reduce trial delays.