

**2011 - 2012 Seattle City Council Green Sheet**

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**Budget Action Title:** Pass C.B. 117030 - Probation Monitoring Fee legislation

Councilmembers: Budget Committee

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Council Bill or Resolution: C.B. 117030, tab 20 in gray notebook

**Budget Committee Vote:**

Date	Result	SB	BH	SC	TR	JG	NL	RC	TB	MO
<b>11/12/2010</b>	<b>Pass 9-</b>	<b>Y</b>								

***Budget Action description:***

This action would pass C.B. 117030. C.B. 117030 would repeal Ordinance 114809, which was passed in 1989 and purported to establish a monthly probation fee of \$20. Repeal of this ordinance will facilitate setting a higher fee.

The Municipal Court is authorized by state law to impose a monthly probation fee up to \$100, and has to date imposed a fee of only \$10, in spite of Ordinance 114809. The court has agreed to set the fee in 2011 at \$25 per month, and the budget revenue estimates are based upon a fee of this amount.

Ordinance 114809 is not necessary for the court to establish or raise the fee authorized by state law. Repealing the ordinance will avoid at least ostensibly having to modify the ordinance in future years if a different fee is proposed.

The proposed 2011 fee increase is intended to help support the cost of probation services. In 2010, the City will spend approximately \$4.45 million on probation services – which exceeds by far the approximately \$63,000 the City collects in probation fee revenues.

The proposed fee increase is expected to generate \$51,948 in new revenue in 2011 and \$95,904 in new revenue in 2012. The amount of revenue increases in 2012 because the fee increase applies only to defendants who *enter* probation after January 1, 2011. Thus defendants who are already in probation in 2010 and continue into 2011 will not pay the fee increase.