

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASE FOR ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC CHELAN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT RECORDS

Attached to this Notice is a copy of the Office of the Chelan County Clerk's ("Clerk") policy, with proposed changes.

On December 9, 2025, the Clerk:

- Posted a copy of this Notice at the Clerk's information counter / board;
- Posted a copy of this Notice on the Clerk's webpage;
- Provided a copy of this Notice to the president of the Chelan-Douglas Bar Association; and
- Provided a copy of this Notice to each current subscriber.

To submit written comments to the Clerk, please contact the Clerk at: Marty.Young@co.chelan.wa.us or mail to Marty Young, Chelan County Clerk, 350 Orondo Ave Suite 501, Wenatchee WA 98801

COUNTY CLERK POLICY FOR SUPERIOR COURT CLERK ACCESS FEES

A POLICY RELATED TO THE CHELAN COUNTY CLERK ASSESSING AN ACCESS FEE FOR ONLINE ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC CHELAN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT RECORDS

Section 1.358.010 of the Chelan County Code authorizes the Chelan County Superior Court Clerk to assess fees for online access to electronic Chelan County Superior Court records;

Section 1.358.020 of the Chelan County Code directs the Chelan County Superior Court Clerk to establish access fees based upon a financial analysis of the costs of providing online access to electronic Chelan County Superior Court records and operating, maintaining and enhancing online access.

Section 1.358.020 of the Chelan County Code authorizes the Chelan County Superior Court Clerk to adjust access fees annually to reflect changes in costs.

The Office of the Chelan County Clerk has established this access fee previously per Resolution 2020-12 adopted February 3, 2020, its provisions codified at Section 1.358.010 of the Chelan County Code with an effective date of February 3, 2020.

The online access fees established with Resolution 2020-12 on February 3, 2020 have not kept pace with either the annual U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI), Series Id: CUURS49DSA0, CUUSS49DSA0, Series Title: All items in Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA, all urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted, found at <u>Bureau of Labor Statistics Data</u>, nor the increase in labor costs and;

Research and analysis by the Chelan County Clerk show that the 2020 access fees of \$100.00, \$200.00, \$250.00 and \$500.00 adjusted for inflation, amount to a present 2024 value of \$125.00, \$250.00, \$310.00 and \$625.00.

The taxpayers of Chelan County are currently supplementing the cost of providing Online Access to electronic Chelan County superior court records through general fund support.

The Chelan County Clerk, finds that increasing the 2020 access fees is a necessary action to implement a cost recovery and is in the public's best interest, and is a matter of good governance.

Effective January 1, 2026, the Office of the Clerk will increase the access fee for online access to electronic superior court records as follows:

- The one hundred-dollar (\$100.00) fee for a Superior Court subscriber to access District Court records within the same Superior Court contract will be increased to one hundred twentyfive dollars (\$125.00);
- The two hundred-dollar (\$200.00) fee for a District Court subscriber or a one-user Superior Court subscriber will be increased to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00);
- The two hundred fifty-dollar (\$250.00) fee to add an additional access seat to a Superior Court subscriber will be increased to three hundred ten dollars (\$310.00); and
- The five hundred-dollar (\$500.00) fee for a law firm with multiple users accessing Superior Court records will be increased to six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$625.00).

The fees assessed and collected under this policy will be deposited into the Clerk's Budget Revenue line item: 010.040.34134.00.001 SUBSCRIPTION FEE.

Signed this 9th day of December , 2025.

Marty Young

Chelan County Clerk and Superior Court Clerk