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Marriage License Fee Increase

Kelso, WA – The Cowlitz County Auditor’s Office is advising the public of an upcoming increase to marriage license fees. Beginning July 27, 2025, the total cost for a marriage license will increase from \$72 to \$172 due to a new \$100 surcharge imposed by House Bill 1498.

The new surcharge will fund a statewide domestic violence co-responder program.

Couples planning to marry are encouraged to apply for a marriage license before July 27, 2025, to avoid the higher fee.

If you would like more information, visit us online at www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/auditor or call the Auditor’s Office at 360-577-3002.

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