

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION
NO. 2011-002**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS,
COMMITTEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO INCREASE THEIR HANDLING
FEE FROM \$20 TO \$35 FOR PROCESSING NSF CHECKS, AND AUTHORIZING
THE COUNTY TREASURER TO CHARGE A \$10 FEE TO DEPARTMENTS,
BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR
HANDLING THEIR NSF CHECKS**

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution No. 92-122 adopted October 20, 1992, Kittitas County authorized charging a fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) as a cost incurred by various County departments, boards, committees and elected officials for the handling of checks or drafts which are returned because the payor did not have sufficient funds to cover the check or draft; and

WHEREAS, the County has not increased its NSF fee for more than Eighteen (18) Years, despite the increase in other costs to the County associated with the processing of NSF checks; and

WHEREAS, the County has experienced an increased incidence of checks or drafts, presented in payment of obligations due and owing to the County, being dishonored by nonacceptance or nonpayment by the drawing bank or institution; and

WHEREAS, the processing of such dishonored checks or drafts represents an additional cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority by law to collect a reasonable check handling fee for checks or drafts dishonored by nonacceptance or nonpayment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes it to be in the best interest of the County and its citizens to recover some of the costs the County incurs which are associated with the processing of NSF checks or drafts, by increasing the NSF processing fee from Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) to Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00); and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners further believes it to be in the best interest of the County and its citizens to partially recover the County Treasurer's processing costs associated with handling NSF checks or drafts on behalf of the various departments, boards, committees and elected officials, by collecting from the said departments, boards, committees and elected officials a Ten Dollar (\$10.00) handling charge debited directly to the department, board, committee and/or elected official's NSF Fund in which the check or draft was originally received.

