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FILING AND SERVICE FEES

CIVIL AND FAMILY CASES

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HOW TO USE THE SCHEDULE OF COURT COST

This Schedule separates the fees for filing of pleadings; issuance of citations, notices and writs; and the service of process/issuance. To determine the amount of cost, please calculate:

$$\text{Applicable Filing Fee} + \text{Process Issuance Fee} + \text{Fee for Serving Process} = \text{Total Fee}$$

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FEES DUE AT THE TIME OF FILING NEW SUIT - CIVIL CASE

District clerk filing fee (51.317(b)1 Gov't Code) \$ 50.00

1. \$75.00, for a suit with at least 11 but not more than 25 plaintiffs;
2. \$100.00, for a suit with at least 26 but not more than 100 plaintiffs;
3. \$125.00, for a suit with at least 101 but not more than 500 plaintiffs;
4. \$150.00, for a suit with at least 501 but not more than 1,000 plaintiffs; and
5. \$200.00, for a suit with more than 1,000 plaintiffs.

Judicial fund filing fee (51.701(a) Gov't Code) 40.00

Judiciary Support fee (133.154 Texas Local Gov't Code) 42.00

Law library (323.023(a) Texas Local Gov't Code) (does not include tax suits) 15.00

Dispute resolution fund (152.004 Civil Practice and Remedies Code)
(does not include tax suits)..... 10.00

Appellate judicial fund (does not apply to suit filed by County or Tax Suit)
(22.2021(b) V.T.C.A.) 5.00

Records management and preservation (51.317(b)(4) Gov't Code)..... 10.00

Security service fee (291.008 Texas Local Gov't Code)..... 5.00

Court reporter service fee (does not apply to Tax Suit) (51.601 Gov't Code) 15.00

State Bar Indigent Legal Fee (51.941 (a) (2) Gov't Code) 10.00

FILING FEE NEW SUIT (CIVIL ONLY, NO SERVICE) **202.00***

(b1) The fees for filing a suit, including an appeal from an inferior court are:

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| 1. \$75.00, for a suit with at least 11 but not more than 25 plaintiffs; | 222.00 |
| 2. \$100.00, for a suit with at least 26 but not more than 100 plaintiffs; | 247.00 |
| 3. \$125.00, for a suit with at least 101 but not more than 500 plaintiffs; | 272.00 |
| 4. \$150.00, for a suit with at least 501 but not more than 1,000 plaintiffs; and | 297.00 |
| 5. \$200.00, for a suit with more than 1,000 plaintiffs..... | 347.00 |

****Note: For New Suit Filed Related to a Fraudulent Court Record or a Fraudulent Lien of Claim Filed Against Real or Personal Property, See Fees Under "F"***

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FEES DUE AS SERVICE IS PERFORMED OR REQUESTED

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Abstracting a judgment (51.318(b)(5) Gov't Code).....	8.00
Bill of review - Court may require a new suit be filed (includes \$1 security fee)	16.00
Bond approval (51.318(b)(10) Gov't Code).	4.00
Certified copy of a record , judgment, order, pleading, or paper, on file, or, of record in the District Clerk's Office, including certificate and seal, for each page or part of a page (51.318(b)(11) Gov't Code).	1.00
Certified or registered mail service (51.319(2) Gov't Code).....	65.00
Citation (include one copy) (51.317(b)(4) and 51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code	8.00
Citation for each additional defendant served by and through the Commissioner of Insurance, Secretary of State, or Texas Highway Commission	12.00
Commission for Deposition or Letter of Rogatory 51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code) (includes subpoena fee of \$8.)	160.00
Contempt action (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code) (includes \$1 security fee)..... (includes records management and preservation (51.317(b)(4) Gov't Code \$10.00)	26.00
Cross-action/Counterclaim (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code (includes \$1 security fee and \$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee)	36.00
(includes records management and preservation (51.317(b)(4) Gov't Code \$10.00)	
Deposition before suit or to investigate claim Petition (Rule 202)	202.00
Expunction of records notice (notice of hearing and order to each party).....	8.50
Fraudulent Court Record or a Fraudulent Lien or Claim Filed Against Real or Personal Property (New Suit) (Chapter 12, Civil Practice and Remedies Code)	15.00
(Fee for Service of Notice of an action under this section is \$20 if the notice is delivered in person; or, the cost of postage if the service is by registered or certified mail)	

Application for Garnishment (Before or After).....	202.00
Habeas corpus (civil additional) (includes \$1 security fee)	16.00
Interpleader as an additional filing (includes \$1 security fee and \$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee)	26.00
Intervention (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code) (includes \$1 security fee and \$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee)	36.00
(includes records management and preservation (51.317(b)(4) Gov't Code \$10.00)	
Jury fee (51.604(a) Gov't Code).....	30.00
Motion for new trial (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code) (includes \$1 security fee and \$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee)	36.00
(includes records management and preservation (51.317(b)(4) Gov't Code \$10.00)	
Name Change (includes \$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee).....	202.00
Noncertified copy of a record , judgment, order, pleading, or paper on file or of record in the District Clerk's Office, including certificate and seal, for each page or part of a page (51.318(b)(7) Gov't Code).....	1.00
Notice of an action of Fraudulent Court Record or a Fraudulent Lien or Claim filed against Real or Personal Property delivered in person	20.00
Notice of an action of Fraudulent Court Record or a Fraudulent Lien or Claim filed against Real or Personal Property delivered by registered or certified mail.....	<i>Cost of Postage</i>
Occupational/Restricted drivers license petition (includes \$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee)	213.00
Order of sale (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code)	8.00
Other writ or process not otherwise provided for, including one copy (51.317(b)(4) and 51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code)	8.00
Searching files or records to ascertain the existence of an instrument or record in the District Clerk's Office (51.318(b)(4) Gov't Code).....	5.00
Searching files or records to locate a cause when docket number is not provided (51.318(b)(3) Gov't Code).....	5.00
Security fee on additional filings (291.008(d) Texas Local Gov't Code).....	1.00

Service by Constable, Civil Process Fees: **See Attached Listing of “Harris County Civil Process Service Fees Effective January 1, 2005” as Approved by Commissioners’ Court.**

State Bar Indigent Legal Fee (51.941 (a) (2) Gov’t Code)	10.00
Statement of cost (51.319)(3) Gov’t Code)	15.00
Subpoena , including one copy (51.318(b) Gov’t Code)	8.00
Third party action (51.317(b)(2) V.T.C.A.) (includes \$1 security fee and \$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee)..... (includes records management and preservation (51.317(b)(4) Gov’t Code \$10.00)	36.00
Transfer venue to Harris County (51.317 Gov’t Code) (includes\$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee)	202.00
Writ of attachment (51.318(b)(2) Gov’t Code)	8.00
Writ of error (plus \$1 per page per petition).....	45.00
Writ of execution (51.318(b)(2) Gov’t Code)	8.00
Writ of garnishment (51.318(b)(2) Gov’t Code).....	8.00
Writ of injunction (51.318(b)(2) Gov’t Code).....	8.00
Writ of possession (51.318(b)(2) Gov’t Code).....	8.00
Writ of procedendo	25.00
Writ of sequestration (51.318(b)(2) Gov’t Code)	8.00
Writ of turnover (51.318(b)(2) Gov’t Code)	8.00

FILING FEES – FAMILY*

*Listed below are the filing fees due at the time of filing a new suit, divorce/annulment, unless otherwise noted.

FEES DUE AT THE TIME OF FILING A NEW SUIT – DIVORCE/ANNULMENT

District Clerk filing fee (51.317(b)1 Gov't Code)	\$ 50.00
Judicial Fund filing fee (51.701 Gov't Code)	40.00
Judiciary Support fee (133.154 Texas Local Gov't Code)	42.00
Law Library fee (323.023(a) Texas Local Gov't Code)	15.00
Family Protection Fee (51.961 Gov't Code).....	15.00
Court reporter service fee (does not apply to Tax Suits) (51.601. Gov't Code).....	15.00
Dispute Resolution Fee (152.004 Civil Practice and Remedies Code).....	10.00
Records Management and Preservation Fund (51.317 Gov't Code)	10.00
Appellant Judicial Fund (22.2021(b) V.T.C.A.)	5.00
Security Service Fee (291.008) Texas Local Gov't Code)	5.00
State Bar Indigent Legal Fee (51.941 (a) (3) Texas Gov't Code)	5.00
Certified Copy to Bureau of Vital Statistics (Ch. 191 Health & Safety Code)	1.00
Certified Copy of judgment	2.00
FILING FEE NEW SUIT, WAIVER ANNULMENT, OR WAIVER DIVORCE WITH NO CHILDREN, (NO SERVICE) (152.1074(f) V.T.C.S.).....	215.00
FILING FEE NEW SUIT, WAIVER DIVORCE WITH CHILDREN, (NO SERVICE) (Includes \$12 child support fee; \$15 DRO fee)	242.00
FILING FEE NEW SUIT, DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT, NO CHILDREN (Excludes \$2 Certified Copy Judgment Fee)	213.00
FILING FEE NEW SUIT, DIVORCE WITH CHILDREN, OR ANNULMENT WITH CHILDREN (Includes \$12 Child Support Fee, \$15 DRO Fee, excludes \$2 Certified Copy of Judgment Fee.....	240.00

FEES DUE AT THE TIME OF FILING A NEW SUIT – OTHER FAMILY MATTERS

ADOPTION MINOR (One child - Includes \$15 Central Adoption Registry fee, and \$2 Certified SDPW Fee. Add \$1 for each additional child.)	230.00
ADULT ADOPTION	202.00
CUSTODY	212.00
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT	197.00
ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT/DECREE	10.00
HABEAS NEW SUIT	197.00
NAME CHANGE – ADULT OR MINOR	197.00
PARTITION	197.00
PATERNITY	212.00
PROTECTIVE ORDER APPLICATION FEE	16.00
REMOVAL OF DISABILITY OF MINOR	197.00
SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP	212.00
SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE	212.00
SUPPORT TERMINATION	197.00
TRANSFER OF VENUE TO HARRIS COUNTY	45.00
WRIT OF GARNISHMENT AFTER JUDGMENT	202.00

ADDITIONAL FEES – PLEADINGS

Cross-action/Counterclaim (51.317(b)(2) Gov’t Code includes \$1 security fee, \$5 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee and \$10 record management and preservation fee)	31.00
Intervention (51.317(b)(2) Gov’t Code includes \$1 security fee, \$5 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee and \$10 record management and preservation fee)	31.00

ADDITIONAL FEES – PLEADINGS AFTER JUDGMENT

Motion for Enforcement of an Order w/o children (SEC. 110.002 Texas Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee)	16.00
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Motion for Enforcement of an Order w/children (SEC. 110.002 and 203.005 Texas Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee and \$15 DRO Fee)	31.00
Motion to Modify a Decree w/o children (SEC. 110.002 Texas Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee)	16.00
Motion to Modify a Decree w/children (SEC. 110.002 and 203.005 Texas Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee and \$15 DRO Fee)	31.00
Motion for New Trial (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code; includes \$1 security fee, \$5 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee and \$10 record management and preservation fee)	31.00
Motion to Transfer Venue Out of Harris County (Sec. 110.002 Texas Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee)	16.00
Motion for Suspension of License (110.002(a) Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee).....	16.00
Motion to Revoke a Stay of License Suspension (110.002(a) Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee)	16.00

ADDITIONAL FEES – SERVICE

Citation (include one copy) (51.317(b)(3) and 51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code).....	8.00
Precept (51.317(b)(3) and 51.318 (b)(2) Gov't Code)	8.00
Other writ or process not otherwise provided for, including one copy 51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code)	8.00
Subpoena , including one copy (51.318(b) Gov't Code)	8.00
Writ of attachment (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code)	8.00
Writ of injunction, temporary restraining order (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code)	8.00
Writ of garnishment (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code).....	8.00
Notice of order suspending license , order vacating or staying an order suspending license 232.008(c) and 232.013(b) Family Code (for each order mailed).....	5.00
Certified or registered mail service (51.319(2) Gov't Code).....	65.00

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ADDITIONAL FEES – MISCELLANEOUS

Jury Fee (51.604(a) Gov't Code)	30.00
Writ of withholding earnings for child support (110.004 Family Code).....	15.00
Notice of application of judicial writ of withholding (Sec.110.002(a), includes \$1 Security Fee)	16.00
Certified copy of a record, judgment, order, pleading, or paper on file, or of record in the District Clerk's Office, including certificate and seal, \$1 for each page or part of a page (51.318(b)(11) Gov't Code).....	1.00
Non-certified copy of a record, judgment, order, pleading, or paper on file, or of record in the District Clerk's Office, including certificate and seal, \$ 1for each page or part of a page (51.318(b)(11) Gov't Code)	1.00
Name Change Application and Certificate (3.64 and 32.3241 Family Code)	10.00
Searching files or records to ascertain the existence of an instrument or record in the District Clerk's Office (51.318(b)(4) Gov't Code).....	5.00
Searching files or records to locate a cause when docket number is not provided (51.318(b)(3) Gov't Code)	5.00
Abstracting a judgment (51.318(b)(5) Gov't Code)	8.00
Bond approval (51.318(b)(6) Gov't Code).....	4.00
Order of sale (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code)	8.00
Writ of execution (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code)	8.00
Writ copy filed w/ District Clerk (158.319 Family Code, includes \$1 Security Fee)	16.00
Writ request filed w/ District Clerk (158.403 Family Code, includes \$1 Security Fee) .	16.00

Harris County Civil Process Service Fees

HARRIS COUNTY CIVIL PROCESS SERVICE FEES (FOR SERVICE WITHIN HARRIS COUNTY) Effective January 1, 2008

ATTACHMENT	100.00
ANY OTHER PROCESS	75.00
CERTIORARI	75.00
CIVIL CAPIAS	75.00
CITATION	65.00
CITATION-TAX SUIT - HARRIS COUNTY	75.00
CITATION-TAX SUIT-OUT OF COUNTY	75.00
COMMITMENT	75.00
CONSTABLE SALE POSTING (EA.)	20.00
DEED OR BILL OF SALE (EA.)	30.00
DELIVERY BOND	20.00
DEPOSITION SUBPOENA	65.00
DISTRESS WARRANT	75.00
EXECUTION	75.00
EXECUTION AND ORDER OF SALE	75.00
FINGERPRINTING	10.00
FORCIBLE (EVICTION)	65.00
GARNISHMENT	75.00
GUARDIANSHIP APPLICATION	65.00
HABEAS CORPUS	75.00
INJUNCTION	75.00
LOCAL BACKGROUND CHECK	10.00
LETTER ON ABOVE CHECK	2.00/PG

NOTICE	65.00
OUT OF STATE AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE	10.00
POSSESSION	125.00
POSTING OF CITATION	65.00
PRECEPT	65.00
PUBLICATION OF CITATION	65.00
REPLEVY BOND	20.00
RESTRAINING ORDER	75.00
SCIRE FACIAS	75.00
SEQUESTRATION	75.00
SHOW CAUSE	65.00
SMALL CLAIMS	65.00
SUBPOENA	65.00
SUMMONS	65.00
SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT	65.00
TAX RESALE – Sold or Cancelled	200.00
TAX SALE – Sold or Cancelled	400.00
TAX WARRANT	400.00
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER	75.00
TRUSTEE SALE POSTING (EA.)	20.00
TURNOVER ORDER	75.00
TURNOVER ORDER W/ LEVY FOR RECEIVER	200.00
WRIT OF REENTRY	125.00

Service fees shall be charged for multiple parties or process for each party. Sales of real property including multiple tracts shall be charged the corresponding type of sale fee for each tract or parcel. Constable's commission on an execution or an order of sale, in addition to the fees above, when the same is made by a sale, for the first One Hundred Dollars (\$100) or less, ten percent (10%); for the second One Hundred Dollars (\$100), seven percent (7%); for all sums over Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) and not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1000), four percent (4%); for all sums over One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) and not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000) two percent (2%); for all sums over Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000), one percent (1%). When the money is collected by the Constable without a sale, one-half (1/2) of the above commission shall be allowed. Tax sales held are not subject to any additional commission. The fees described as "Tax Sale – Sold or Cancelled" and "Tax Resale – Sold/Cancelled" shall include fees and commissions necessary to effectuate a sale (including all required notices, constable sale posting, preparation of a tax deed, additional tax deeds will be charged at a rate of \$30.00 each for preparation and/or review), and execution and order of sale fees, if any, regardless of whether the sale takes place or is cancelled.

FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS OUT OF HARRIS COUNTY THE ABOVE FEES ALONG WITH THE FEE SCHEDULE TITLED "HARRIS COUNTY CONSTABLES EXPENSE FOR OUT

**OF COUNTY PROCESS /WRITS OF ATTACHMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008”
SHALL BE COMBINED.**