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HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK

CIVIL AND FAMILY CASES

FILING AND SERVICE FEES

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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

Court Facility fee code 711 (SB41)	\$20.00
Clerk of the Court fee 712 (SB41)	\$50.00
Law Library fee code 475 (Local Gov't Code § 323.023(a)) (does not include tax suits)	\$35.00
Dispute Resolution Fund fee Code 601 (Civil Practice and Remedies Code § 152.004) (does not include tax suits)	\$15.00
Appellate Judicial Fund fee Code 775 (Gov't Code 135.101 (b) (1) sec.22.229)	\$5.00
Preservation Fee Code 713 (SB41)	\$30.00
Language access fee 716 (SB41)	\$3.00
County Jury Fee 717 (SB41)	\$10.00
Courthouse Security fee code 715(SB41)	\$20.00
Court Reporter service fee code 714 (SB41)	\$25.00
State Consolidated New Suit Fee 72(SB41)	\$137.00
FILING FEE NEW SUIT (CIVIL ONLY, NO SERVICE)	\$350.00

Case Category Code	Case Type Codes and Fee
Civil - Contract	Debt/Contract - Consumer/DTPA
	Debt/Contract - Debt/Contract
	Debt/Contract - Fraud/Misrepresentation
	Debt/Contract - Other
	Foreclosure - Home Equity-Expedited
	Foreclosure - Other

	Franchise
	Insurance
	Landlord/Tenant
	Non-Competition
	Partnership
	Other Contract
Civil - Employment	Discrimination
	Retaliation
	Termination
	Workers' Compensation
	Other Employment
Civil - Injury or Damage	Assault/Battery
	Construction
	Defamation
	Malpractice - Accounting
	Malpractice - Legal
	Malpractice - Medical
	Malpractice - Other Professional Liability
	Motor Vehicle Accident
	Premises
	Product Liability - Asbestos/Silica
	Product Liability - Other
	Other Injury or Damage
Civil - Other Civil	Administrative Appeal
	Antitrust/Unfair Competition

	Bill of Review
	Code Violations
	Communicable Disease
	Foreign Judgment
	Fraudulent Lien (\$350.00)
	Intellectual Property
	Lawyer Discipline
	Other Civil
	Perpetuate Testimony
	Securities/Stock
	Tortious Interference
	Toll Road
Civil - Related to Criminal Matters	Expunction
	Seizure/Forfeiture
	Sexual Predator (Health & Safety Code 841)
	Writ of Habeas Corpus - Pre-indictment <u>\$350.00</u>
	Other
Civil -Real Property	Condemnation
	Eminent Domain
	Other Property
	Partition
	Quiet Title
	Trespass to Try Title
Civil - Tax	Tax Appraisal

	Tax Delinquency	\$350.00/ \$50.00 Tax
	Master fee assessed to certain Courts.	
	Other Tax	\$350.00

Application for Garnishment (Before or After)	\$350.00
Commission for Deposition or Letter of Rogatory (Gov't Code § 51.318(b)(2) and § 51.305; SB1685)(SB41)	\$350.00
Deposition before suit or to investigate claim Petition (Rule 202) (Gov't Code § 51.305 and SB1685 (SB41))	\$350.00
Transfer venue to Harris County (SB41)	\$350.00

FEES DUE AS SERVICE IS PERFORMED OR REQUESTED

COPIES

Paper Printed per page	\$1.00
Copies- Electronic 1 to 10 pages.....	\$1.00
Copies- Electronic 11 pages and Up.....	.10 per page
Copies – Paper Converted to Electronic Paper	\$1.00
Certified Copy/ Raised Seal.....	\$5.00 each
Abstracting a judgment (Gov't Code§ 51.318(b)(5))	\$8.00
Bond approval (Gov't Code § 51.318(b)(10))	\$5.00
Certified or registered mail service (Citation) (Gov't Code § 51.319(2)).....	\$90.00
Certified or registered mail service (Writ) (Gov't Code § 51.319(2)).....	\$90.00
Citation (include one copy) (Gov't Code § 51.317(b)(4) and § 51.318(b)(2))	\$8.00
Citation (with 2 copies) for each defendant served by and through the Commissioner Of Insurance, Secretary of State, or Texas Highway Commission.....	\$12.00
Cross-action/Counterclaim (SB 41)	\$80.00
Expunction of records notice (Order Setting Hearing and Final Order, per agency)	
Notice by Certified Mail.....	\$14.00
Electronic Notification.....	\$3.00

Fraudulent Court Record, Fraudulent Lien or Claim Filed Against Real or Personal Property (New Suit) (SB41)	\$350.00
Habeas Corpus (as an additional filing)	\$30.00
Interpleader (as an additional filing) (SB41)	\$80.00
Interpleader as a new suit (SB41).....	\$350.00
Intervention (SB41)	\$80.00
Motion for Contempt (SB41)	\$80.00
Motion for new trial (SB41)	\$80.00
Notice of Appeal (SB41)	\$80.00
Notice of an action of Fraudulent Court Record, Fraudulent Lien or Claim filed against Real or Personal Property delivered in person	\$30.00
Notice of an action of Fraudulent Court Record, Fraudulent Lien or Claim filed against Real or Personal Property delivered by registered or certified mail	<i>Cost of Postage</i>
Occupational/Restricted driver's license petition (includes State Bar Indigent Legal Fee.... (Must be filed in Criminal Courts) price difference depends on being filed in felony or misdemeanor court	\$350.00
Order of sale (Gov't Code § 51.318(b) (2)) File with Civil/Family Post Judgment Department	\$8.00
Other writ or process not otherwise provided for, including one copy (Gov't Code § 51.317(b)(4) and § 51.318(b)(2))	\$8.00
Searching files or records to ascertain the existence of an instrument or record in the District Clerk's Office (Gov't Code § 51.318(b) (4))	\$5.00
Searching files or records to locate a cause when case number or SPN is not provided (Gov't Code § 51.318(b)(3))	\$5.00
Service by Constable, Civil Process Fees: See Attached Listing of "Harris County Civil Process Service Fees Effective January 1, 2017" as Approved by Commissioners' Court.	
Statement of cost (Gov't Code § 51.319)(3))	\$15.00
Subpoena, including one copy (Gov't Code § 51.318(b))	\$8.00
Third party action (SB41)	\$80.00

Writ of attachment (Gov't Code § 51.318(b)(2)).....	\$8.00
Writ of error (plus \$1 per page per petition).....	\$45.00
Writ of execution (Gov't Code § 51.318(b)(2)).....	\$8.00
Writ of garnishment (Gov't Code § 51.318(b)(2)).....	\$8.00
Writ of injunction (Gov't Code § 51.318(b)(2)).....	\$8.00
Writ of possession (Gov't Code § 51.318(b)(2)).....	\$8.00
Writ of procedendo	\$25.00
Writ of sequestration (Gov't Code § 51.318(b)(2)).....	\$8.00
Writ of turnover (Gov't Code § 51.318(b)(2))	\$8.00

**FEES DUE AT THE TIME OF FILING A NEW SUIT – DIVORCE/ANNULMENT
(Not involving Children)**

Appellant Judicial Fund 775 Gov't 135.101(b) (1) sec 22.229.....	\$5.00
Clerk of the court fee code 172 Gov't Code 125.101/135.153.....	\$50.00
County Records Preservation Fee Code 713 Gov't 135.101/135.154	\$30.00
Court Facility fee code 711 Gov't Code 125.101/135.152	\$20.00
County Jury Fee 717 Gov't Code 135.101/135.156.....	\$10.00
Courthouse Security fee 715 SB41.....	\$20.00
Court reporter service fee 714 (Gov't Code 135.101/sec 3.15.....	\$25.00
Dispute Resolution fee 601.....	\$15.00
Law Library Fee Code 475 Gov't Code 135.101/Sec3.15.....	\$35.00
Language Access Fee 716 Gov't code 135.135.101/135.155.....	\$3.00
State Consolidate New Suite Fee 720 SB41.....	\$137.00

Filing Fee New Suit (Family No Service) (SB41)..... \$350.00

Domestic Relations Fee 282 (Gov't Code) added to all cases involving children..... \$15.00

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

DECLARATORY JUDGMENT (to electronically file use Category-Other Family Law/Case Type-Other)..... **\$350.00**

PARTITION (to electronically file use Category-Other Family Law/Case Type-Other)..... **\$350.00**

TRANSFER OF VENUE TO HARRIS COUNTY (cases involving children) \$45.00

TRANSFER OF VENUE TO HARRIS COUNTY (not involving children)..... \$350.00

Case Category Code Family	Case Type Codes
Family/Juvenile - Marriage Relationship	Annulment with Children <u>\$365.00</u>
	Annulment No Children <u>\$ 350.00</u>
	Declare Marriage Void <u>\$350.00</u>
	Declare Marriage Void with children <u>\$365.00</u>
	Divorce with Children <u>\$ 365.00</u>
	Divorce no Children <u>\$350.00</u>
Family/Juvenile - Other Family Law	Adult Adoption <u>\$350.00</u>
	Register Foreign Judgment (not involving children) <u>\$350.00</u>
	Garnishment (Before and After) <u>\$350.00</u>
	Habeas Corpus <u>\$365.00</u> Filed as Additional Habeas Corpus <u>\$30.00</u>
	Name Change <u>\$350.00</u> <u>Minor and Adult</u>

	Protective Order <u>\$350.00</u>
	Removal of Disabilities of Minor <u>\$350.00</u>
	Unaccompanied Alien Child <u>\$365.00</u>
	Other <u>\$350.00</u>
Family/Juvenile - Parent-Child Relationship	Adoption/Adoption with Termination- One child - does not include \$15 Central Adoption Registry fee, and \$2 Certified SDPW Fee. Add \$1 for each additional child.) <u>\$365.00</u>
	Child Protection
	Child Protection (Gov. Code 24.620)
	Child Support <u>\$365.00</u>
	Custody or Visitation <u>\$365.00</u>
	Gestational Parenting <u>\$365.00</u>
	Grandparent Access <u>\$365.00</u>
	Parentage/Paternity/Voluntary Legitimation <u>\$365.00</u>
	Termination of Parental Rights <u>\$365.00</u>
	Other Parent-Child <u>\$365.00</u>
Family/Juvenile - Title IV-D (OAG Use Only)	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Establishment
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Paternity
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate - No TX Cause
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate - Existing TX Cause
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Enforcement

	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Intervention
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Billed
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Not Billed
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Capias/Writ
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service Documents

New Case	Subsequent Filings
Affidavit of Indigency	Affidavit of Indigency
Application	Amended Filing
Petition	Answer/Contest/Response/Waiver
Transfer (County Use Only)	Bond
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Establishment	Counter Claim/Cross Action/Intervention/ Third Party
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Paternity	Motion (No Fee)
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – No TX Cause	Motion for Contempt
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – Existing TX Cause	Motion for Enforcement
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Enforcement	Motion for New Trial
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Intervention	Motion to Modify
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Billed	Motion to Modify and Enforce
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Not Billed	Motion to Reinstate
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Capias/Writ	Motion to Revoke/Suspend/Withhold
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service Documents	Motion to Stay
	Motion to Terminate Wage Withholding
	Motion to Transfer
	Notice

	Notice of Appeal
	Notice of Delinquency
	No Fee Documents
	Proposed Order
	Request
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Establishment
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Paternity
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – No TX Cause
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – Existing TX Cause
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Enforcement
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Intervention
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Billed
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Not Billed
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Capias/Writ
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service Documents

1.1.1 PARTY TYPES

For any case that is a Title IV-D case, the court will require one (1) Petitioner and two (2) Respondents as party types.

ADDITIONAL FEES – PLEADINGS

Cross-action/Counterclaim (Gov’t Code § 51.317(b)(2) (SB41).....	\$80.00
Intervention (Gov’t Code § 51.317(b)(2) (SB41).....	\$80.00

ADDITIONAL FEES – PLEADINGS AFTER JUDGMENT

Motion for Enforcement of an Order w/children SB41.....	\$30.00
Motion to Modify a Decree w/children (Texas Family Code § 110.002 and § 203.005; includes Security and DRO Fee)	\$30.00

Motion for New Trial (SB41)	\$80.00
Motion to Transfer Venue out of Harris County (SB 41)(no children involved).	\$350.00
Motion for Suspension of License	\$15.00
Motion to Revoke a Stay of License Suspension	\$15.00

ADDITIONAL FEES – SERVICE

Citation (include one copy) (Gov’t Code § 51.317(b)(3)) & § 51.318(b)(2).....	\$8.00
Precept (Gov’t Code § 51. 317(b)(3) & § 51.318 (b)(2)).....	\$8.00
Other writ or process not otherwise provided for (including one copy, Gov’t Code § 51.318(b)(2))	\$8.00
Subpoena , including one copy (Gov’t Code § 51.318(b))	\$8.00
Writ of attachment (Gov’t Code § 51.318(b)(2))	\$8.00
Writ of injunction, temporary restraining order (Gov’t Code § 51.318(b)(2))	\$8.00
Writ of garnishment (Gov’t Code § 51.318(b)(2)).....	\$8.00
Notice of order suspending license, order vacating or staying an order suspending license (for each order mailed; Family Code § 232.008(c) & § 232.013(b))	\$5.00
Certified or registered mail service (Gov’t Code § 51.319(2)) Citation	\$90.00
Certified or registered mail service (Gov’t Code § 51.319(2)) Writ.....	\$90.00

ADDITIONAL FEES – MISCELLANEOUS

Writ of withholding earnings for child support (Family Code § 110.004).....	\$15.00
Notice of application of judicial writ of withholding	\$15.00
Certificate of No Appeals	\$2.00
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 (Gov’t Code § 51.318(b)(11)).....	\$1.00
Name Change Application and Certificate (Family Code § 3.64 & 32.3241).....	\$10.00

Searching files or records to ascertain the existence of an instrument or record in the District Clerk’s Office Gov’t Code (SB 41)	\$5.00
Searching files or records to locate a cause when docket number is not provided (Gov’t Code § 51.318(b)(3)).....	\$5.00
Abstracting a judgment (Gov’t Code § 51.318(b)(5)).....	\$8.00
Bond approval (SB41)	\$5.00
Order of sale (Gov’t Code § 51.318(b)(2)).....	\$8.00
Writ of execution (Gov’t Code § 51.318(b)(2)).....	\$8.00
Writ copy filed w/ District Clerk (Family Code § 158.319, includes Security Fee).....	\$16.00
Writ request filed w/ District Clerk (Family Code § 158.403, includes Security Fee).....	\$16.00
Notice of Appeal (Gov’t Code SB 41).....	\$80.00

2023 Harris County Civil Process Fees

In Harris County Fees 

For Service Within Harris County

Process	Fee	Process	Fee
ATTACHMENT	\$125.00	REPLEVY BOND	\$50.00
CERTIORARI	\$75.00	REPOSSESSION: AIRCRAFT ASSISTANCE WRIT	\$200.00
CHILD CUSTODY WARRANT	\$125.00	RESTRAINING ORDER	\$125.00
CITATION	\$75.00	SCIRE FACIAS	\$75.00
CITATION (posting)	\$75.00	SEQUESTRATION	\$150.00
CITATION-TAX SUIT-HARRIS COUNTY	\$75.00	SHOW CAUSE	\$75.00
CITATION-TAX SUIT-OUT OF COUNTY	\$75.00	SMALL CLAIMS	\$75.00
CIVIL CAPIAS	\$125.00	SUBPOENA	\$75.00
COMMITMENT	\$125.00	SUMMONS	\$75.00
CONSTABLE SALE POSTING (EA.)	\$30.00	SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT	\$75.00
DEED OR BILL OF SALE (EA.)	\$50.00	TAX RESALE-Sold or Cancelled	\$225.00
DELIVERY BOND	\$50.00	TAX SALE-Sold or Cancelled	\$450.00
DEPOSITION SUBPOENA	\$75.00	TAX SUIT - PUBLICATION	\$125.00
DEPUTY ASSIST - FOR FIRST 2 HOURS	\$265.00	TAX WARRANT	\$450.00
DISTRESS WARRANT	\$125.00	TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER	\$100.00
EXECUTION (writ)	\$150.00	TITLE IV-D CAPIAS - APPREHENSION FEE ⁽²⁾	\$100.00
EXECUTION AND ORDER OF SALE (WRIT)	\$150.00	TITLE IV-D CAPIAS - SERVICES THROUGH FIRST ATTEMPT	\$125.00
FINGERPRINTING (per card)	\$10.00	TRUSTEE SALE POSTING (EA.)	\$25.00
		TURNOVER ORDER	\$125.00
		TURNOVER ORDER WITH LEVY FOR RECEIVER	\$225.00
		WRIT - ANY OTHER (INCLUDES IV-D CAPIAS)	\$125.00

FORCIBLE (EVICTION)	\$75.00
GARNISHMENT	\$100.00
GUARDIANSHIP APPLICATION	\$75.00
HABEAS CORPUS	\$100.00
INJUNCTION	\$100.00
LOCAL BACKGROUND CHECK W/LETTER	\$25.00
MENTAL HEALTH TRANSPORT FEE ⁽¹⁾	\$150.00
NOTICE	\$75.00
ORDER OF RETRIEVAL	\$150.00
OUT OF STATE AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE	\$25.00
PRECEPT	\$75.00
PROCESS/ORDER - ANY OTHER	\$75.00
PUBLICATION OF CITATION (PLUS COST OF PUBLICATION)	\$75.00

WRIT OF POSSESSION	\$125.00
WRIT OF REENTRY	\$125.00
WRIT OF RESTORATION OF UTILITY SERVICE	\$125.00
ADDITIONAL FEES	Fee
EXPEDITED SERVICE (ADDED TO ANY OTHER FEE) ⁽³⁾	\$75.00
MISC. LETTERS PER PAGE	\$2.00/PAGE
SERVICE BY MAIL - ADDED TO FEES LISTED	\$15.00
WRITS/ORDERS/DEPUTY ASSISTS - ADDITIONAL FEES - PER HOUR/PER DEPUTY AFTER TWO HOURS	\$65.00