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CIVIL AND FAMILY CASES
FILING AND SERVICE FEES

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SECTION I

CLERK'S BASIC FILING FEE (NEW CIVIL SUIT)

Civil Initial Base Filing Fees (Set Amounts)

State Consolidated Court Costs ((133.151) Gov't Code)	\$137.00
Local Consolidated Court Costs ((133.151) Gov't Code)	\$213.00
Total Filing Fees New Suit (NO SERVICE):	\$350.00

CLERK'S BASIC FILING FEE (OTHER CIVIL SUITS – NON-FAMILY)

Application for Garnishment	\$350.00
Bill of Review	\$350.00
Condemnation Proceedings (Eminent Domain Suit)	\$350.00
Delinquent Tax Suits	\$350.00
Deposition Before Suit or to Investigate Claim Petition (202.2 TRC)	\$350.00
Expunction Suit	\$350.00
Foreign Judgment	\$350.00
Fraudulent Lien Suit	\$350.00
Judgment NISI	\$350.00
Name Change	\$350.00
Occupational License	\$350.00
Petition for Non-Disclosure	\$350.00
Transfer of Suit from Other County (Registration of Foreign Judgment)	\$350.00

CLERK'S BASIC FILING FEE (ACTION WITHIN EXISTING CIVIL SUIT)

Other Pleadings Required Filing Fee (The following fees include a State Consolidated Court Cost of \$45 ((133.151) Gov't Code) and a Local Consolidated Court Cost of \$35 ((135.101) Gov't Code)

Contempt Action (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code)	\$80.00
Cross-action/Counterclaim/Interpleader (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code)	\$80.00
Intervention (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code)	\$80.00
Motion for New Trial (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code)	\$80.00
Third Party Action (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code)	\$80.00
Notice of Appeal	\$80.00

FEES DUES AS SERVICE IS REQUESTED (CIVIL CASES)

Issuance Fees

Abstracting a Judgment (51.318(b)(5) Gov't Code)	\$8.00
Certification for Change of Name (45.106 Family Code)	\$10.00
Certified or Registered Mail Service (51.319(2) (Gov't Code) (Does not include issuance of citation)	\$70.00
Citation (51.317)(B) and (51.318)(b) 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
Expunction of Records Notice by certified mail (Per Agency)	\$31.00
Expunction of Records Notice by Electronic Notification	\$16.00
Judgment NISI	\$12.00
Notice/Certified	\$8.00
Notice of Judicial Writ of Withholding	\$10.00
Order of Sale (51.318)(b) Gov't Code)	\$8.00
Precept	\$8.00
Show Cause Notice	\$8.00
Bill of Cost (51.319(3) Gov't Code)	\$10.00
Subpoena (51.318)(b) Gov't Code)	\$8.00
Temporary Injunction (51.318)(b) Gov't Code)	\$8.00
Temporary Restraining Order (51.318)(b) Gov't Code)	\$8.00
Service by Certified Mail*	\$75.00

The service by certified mail fee DOES NOT include the \$8.00 issuance fee

FEES DUES AS SERVICE IS PERFORMED

(Continued)

Writ of Attachment (51.318)(b) Gov't Code	\$8.00
Writ of Execution (51.318)(b) Gov't Code	\$8.00
Writ of Garnishment (51.318)(b) Gov't Code	\$8.00
Writ of Injunction (51.318)(b) Gov't Code	\$8.00
Writ of Possession (51.318)(b) Gov't Code	\$8.00
Writ of Sequestration (51.318)(b) Gov't Code	\$8.00
Writ of Turnover (51.318)(b) Gov't Code	\$8.00
Other Writs not listed (51.318 (b) Gov't Code)	\$8.00

SECTION II

CLERK'S BASIC FILING FEE (ANNULMENT OR SUIT TO DECLARE MARRIAGE VOID) (Not Involving Children)

Family Initial Base Filing Fees (Set Amounts)

State Consolidated Court Costs ((133.151) Gov't Code)	\$137.00
Local Consolidated Court Costs ((133.151) Gov't Code)	\$213.00
	Total Filing Fees New Suit (NO SERVICE):	\$350.00

CLERK'S BASIC FILING FEE (DIVORCE INVOLVING CHILDREN AND WITHOUT CHILDREN)

Family Initial Base Filing Fees (Set Amounts)

State Consolidated Court Costs ((133.151) Gov't Code)	\$137.00
Local Consolidated Court Costs ((133.151) Gov't Code)	\$213.00
	Total Filing Fees New Suit (NO SERVICE):	\$350.00

CLERK'S BASIC FILING FEE (OTHER FAMILY MATTERS)

Adoption Cases

Adoption – Adult	\$350.00
Adoption Minor	\$350.00
Termination & Adoption	\$350.00

Other Family Matters

Application for Writ of Garnishment (After Judgment)	\$350.00
Applications for Writ of Habeas Corpus (New Family Case)	\$350.00
Bill of Review	\$350.00
Declaratory Judgment	\$350.00
Emancipation of Minor/Name Change/Other Family Code Title 2 Suits	\$350.00
Foreign Judgment	\$350.00
Grandparent Access	\$350.00
Paternity	\$350.00
Petition for Qualified Domestic Relationships Order (QDRO)	\$350.00
Protective Order Application (New Family Case)	\$350.00
Removal of Disabilities of a Minor	\$350.00
Severed Cause Action	\$350.00
Suit Affecting Parent-Child Relationship (SAPCR)	\$350.00
Suit to Enforce Divorce Decree	\$350.00
Termination of Parent Child-Relationship	\$350.00
Transfer of Suit from Other County - Not SAPCR	\$350.00
Transfer of Suit from Other County – SAPCR	\$45.00
UIFSA Suit (Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	\$350.00

CLERK'S BASIC FILING FEE (ACTION WITHIN EXISTING FAMILY SUIT)

Other Pleadings Required Filing Fee The following fees include a State Consolidated Court Cost of \$45 ((133.151) Gov't Code) and a Local Consolidated Court Cost of \$35 ((135.101) Gov't Code)

Counter-Petition (51.317(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$80.00
Intervention (51.317(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$80.00
Issuing and Delivering Withholding Order of Writ (110.004 Family Code) _____	\$15.00
Motion for Clarification (51.317(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$80.00
Motion for Contempt (SAPCR) (110.002 Family Code) _____	\$15.00
Motion for Contempt (Not – SAPCR) (51.317(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$80.00
Motion for Enforcement (110.002 Family Code) _____	\$15.00
Motion for New Trial (51.317(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$80.00
Motion for to Revoke a Stay of License Suspension (110.002 Family Code) _____	\$15.00
Motion to Transfer (110.002 Family Code) _____	\$15.00
Notice of Application for Judicial Writ of Withholding (110.002 Family Code) _____	\$15.00
Petition for License Suspension (110.002 Family Code) _____	\$15.00
Suit or Motion for Modification (110.002 Family Code) _____	\$15.00
Third Party Action (51.317(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$80.00

FEES DUES AS SERVICE IS PERFORMED (FAMILY CASES)

Issuance Fees

Abstracting a Judgment (51.318(b)(5) Gov't Code) _____	\$8.00
Citation (51.318)(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$8.00
Precept (51.318)(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$8.00
Other Writ Process (51.318)(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$8.00
Subpoena (51.318)(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$8.00
Temporary Restraining Order (51.318)(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$8.00
Writ of Attachment (51.318)(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$8.00
Wit of Injunction (51.318)(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$8.00
Writ of Garnishment (51.318)(b) Gov't Code) _____	\$8.00
Service by Certified Mail* _____	\$75.00

The service by certified mail fee DOES NOT include the \$8.00 issuance fee

SECTION III

ADDITIONAL FEES – MISCELLANEOUS

Copies

Certificate Issuance-certificate and Seal for certified copies (paper and electronic)	\$5.00
Copies-Paper or converted to paper to be delivered electronically	\$1.00 per page
Copies-Electronic (minimum \$1 up to 10 pages, then for each page or part of a page)	\$0.10 per page
Exemplified Copies	
(Plus \$5.00 for Exemplification Certificate)	
Service Copies **	\$0.25 per page

Fax Filing

Incoming Fax	\$1.50 per page plus Statutory Filing Fee when applicable
Outgoing Fax (No Charge for Local)	\$1.50 per page faxed
Plus Long Distance Fee	\$5.00

**** Special Notes:** *Electronic Citations and other service documents are not subject to "service copy" costs.*