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CIVIL AND FAMILY CASES

FILING AND SERVICE FEES

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DISTRICT CLERK**

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SECTION I

CLERK’S BASIC FILING FEE (NEW CIVIL SUIT)

Statewide Required Filing Fees (Set Amounts)

District Clerk Basic Filing Fee (51.317(b)(1) Gov’t Code)	\$50.00
<i>\$ 75.00 For a suit with at least 11, but no more than 25 Plaintiffs:</i>	
<i>\$ 100.00 For a suit with at least 26, but no more than 100 Plaintiffs:</i>	
<i>\$ 125.00 For a suit with at least 101, but no more than 500 Plaintiffs:</i>	
<i>\$ 150.00 For a suit with at least 501, but no more than 1,000 Plaintiffs:</i>	
<i>\$ 200.00 For a suit with more than 1,000 Plaintiffs:</i>	
State Consolidated Fee (133.151 Local Gov’t Code)	\$50.00
Indigent Legal Services Fee (133.152 Local Gov’t Code)	\$10.00
Judicial Support Fee (133.154 Local Gov’t Code)	\$42.00
Records Management Fee (51.317 (b)(4)(c)Gov’t Code)	
County RMP	\$5.00
DC RMP	\$5.00

Statewide Required Filing Fees (Varying Amounts)

Law Library Fee (323.023 Local Gov’t Code)	\$35.00
Court Record Preservation (51.708 Gov’t Code)	\$8.00

Statewide Optional Filing Fees (Varying Amounts)

Courthouse Security Fee (291.008 Local Gov’t Code)	\$5.00
Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Fee (152.004 CPR)	\$15.00
District Court Records Archive Fee (51.305 & 51.317 Gov’t Code)	\$10.00

Required Filing Fees in Certain Counties (Set Amounts)

General Court Reporter (51.601 Gov’t Code)	\$15.00
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Optional Filing Fees in Certain Counties

Appellate Judicial System Fee (22.2021(b) Gov’t Code) Not to Suits Filed by County or Tax Suits.	\$5.00
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Electronic Filing System Fund Fee

Electronic Filing Fee (51.851(b) Gov’t Code)	\$30.00
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Total Filing Fees New Suit (NO SERVICE):

Total Filing Fees for (1 – 24 Plaintiffs)	\$285.00
Total Filing Fees for (11 – 25 Plaintiffs)	\$310.00
Total Filing Fees for (26 – 100 Plaintiffs)	\$335.00
Total Filing Fees for (101 – 500 Plaintiffs)	\$360.00
Total Filing Fees for (501– 1000 Plaintiffs)	\$385.00
Total Filing Fees for (more than 1000 Plaintiffs)	\$435.00

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

Application for Garnishment	\$285.00
Bill of Review	\$285.00
Condemnation Proceedings (Eminent Domain Suit)	\$270.00
Delinquent Tax Suits	\$215.00
Deposition Before Suit or to Investigate Claim Petition (202.2 TRC)	\$285.00
Expunction Suit	\$285.00
Foreign Judgment	\$285.00
Fraudulent Lien Suit (This fee is the only filing fee that may be assessed in this type of case)	\$15.00
Judgment NISI	\$233.00
Name Change	\$285.00
Occupational License	\$295.00
Petition for Non-Disclosure	\$323.00
Transfer of Suit from Other County (Registration of Foreign Judgment)	\$285.00

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

Other Pleadings Required Filing Fee (The following fees include a \$1.00 Security Fund (291.008(d) Gov't Code)
(The following fees include \$30 electronic filing system fund fee (51.851(b) Gov't Code)

Contempt Action (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code)	\$76.00
Cross-action/Counterclaim/Interpleader (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code)	\$76.00
Fraudulent Lien Suit (12.005 Civil Practice and Remedy Code)	\$15.00
Intervention (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code)	\$76.00
Motion for New Trial (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code)	\$76.00
Motion for Transfer Venue (Out of Galveston County (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code)	\$36.00
Third Party Action (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code)	\$76.00
Application for Post Writ of Garnishment	\$76.00

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

FEES DUES AS SERVICE IS PERFORMED

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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)**

Statewide Required Filing Fees (Set Amounts)

District Clerk Basic Filing Fee (51.317(b)(1) Gov’t Code)	\$50.00
State Consolidated Fee (133.151 Local Gov’t Code)	\$45.00
Indigent Legal Services Fee (133.152 Local Gov’t Code)	\$5.00
Judicial Support Fee (133.154 Local Gov’t Code)	\$42.00
Records Management Fee (51.317 (b)(4)(c) Gov’t Code)	
County RMP	\$5.00
DC RMP	\$5.00

Statewide Required Filing Fees (Varying Amounts)

Family Protection Fee (51.961 Gov’t Code)	\$10.00
Law Library Fee (323.023 Local Gov’t Code)	\$35.00
Court Record Preservation (51.708 Gov’t Code)	\$8.00

Statewide Optional Filing Fees (Varying Amounts)

Courthouse Security Fee (291.008 Local Gov’t Code)	\$5.00
Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Fee (152.004 CPR)	\$15.00
District Court Records Archive Fee (51.305 & 51.317 Gov’t Code)	\$10.00

Required Filing Fees in Certain Counties (Set Amounts)

General Court Reporter (51.601 Gov’t Code)	\$15.00
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Optional Filing Fees in Certain Counties

Appellate Judicial System Fee (22.2021(b) Gov’t Code) Not to Suits Filed by County or Tax Suits.	\$5.00
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Electronic Filing System Fund Fee

Electronic Filing Fee (51.851(b) Gov’t Code)	\$30.00
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Special Notes: *The District Clerk’s Office will file a report for each granted annulment of marriage with the Vital Statistic Unit and will collect a **\$1.00** fee for each report as court costs, but not as a filing fee (Health and Safety Code 194.002).*

Total Filing Fees New Suit (NO SERVICE):

Total Filing Fees for Annulment or Suit to Declare Marriage Void (No Children)	\$286.00
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CLERK'S BASIC FILING FEE (DIVORCE INVOLVING CHILDREN)

Statewide Required Filing Fees (Set Amounts)

District Clerk Basic Filing Fee (51.317(b)(1) Gov't Code)	\$50.00
State Consolidated Fee (133.151 Local Gov't Code)	\$45.00
Indigent Legal Services Fee (133.152 Local Gov't Code)	\$5.00
Judicial Support Fee (133.154 Local Gov't Code)	\$42.00
Records Management Fee (51.317 (b)(4)(c) Gov't Code)	
County RMP	\$5.00
DC RMP	\$5.00

Statewide Required Filing Fees (Varying Amounts)

Family Protection Fee (51.961 Gov't Code)	\$10.00
Law Library Fee (323.023 Local Gov't Code)	\$35.00
Court Record Preservation (51.708 Gov't Code)	\$8.00

Statewide Optional Filing Fees (Varying Amounts)

Courthouse Security Fee (291.008 Local Gov't Code)	\$5.00
Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Fee (152.004 CPR)	\$15.00
District Court Records Archive Fee (51.305 & 51.317 Gov't Code)	\$10.00

Required Filing Fees in Certain Counties (Set Amounts)

General Court Reporter (51.601 Gov't Code)	\$15.00
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Optional Filing Fees in Certain Counties

Appellate Judicial System Fee (22.2021(b) Gov't Code) Not to Suits Filed by County or Tax Suits.	\$5.00
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Electronic Filing Fee

Electronic Filing Fee (51.851(b) Gov't Code)	\$30.00
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Total Filing Fees New Suit (NO SERVICE):

Total Filing Fees for Divorce Involving Children	\$286.00
Total Filing Fees for Waiver Divorce Involving Children	\$286.00

CLERK'S BASIC FILING FEE (OTHER FAMILY MATTERS)

Adoption Cases

Adoption – Adult	\$275.00
Adoption Minor (Includes \$600 Social Study Fee)	\$890.00
Termination & Adoption	\$290.00

Other Family Matters

Affidavit to Surrender	\$70.00
Application for Writ of Garnishment (After Judgment)	\$275.00
Applications for Writ of Habeas Corpus (New Family Case)	\$90.00
Applications for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Existing Family Case)	\$55.00
Bill of Review	\$275.00
Declaratory Judgment	\$275.00
Emancipation of Minor/Name Change/Other Family Code Title 2 Suits	\$275.00
Foreign Judgment	\$275.00
Grandparent Access	\$275.00
Paternity	\$275.00
Petition for Qualified Domestic Relationships Order (QDRO)	\$275.00
Protective Order Application (New Family Case)	\$297.00
Protective Order Application (Existing Family Case)	\$52.00
Removal of Disabilities of a Minor	\$275.00
Severed Cause Action	\$275.00
Suit Affecting Parent-Child Relationship (SAPCR)	\$275.00
Suit to Enforce Divorce Decree	\$275.00
Termination of Parent Child-Relationship	\$275.00
Transfer of Suit from Other County - Not SAPCR	\$275.00
Transfer of Suit from Other County – SAPCR	\$45.00
UIFSA Suit (Uniform Interstate Family Support Act)	\$275.00

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

Other Pleadings Required Filing Fee (The following fees include \$30 electronic filing system fund fee (51.851(b) Gov't Code)

Counter-Petition (51.317(b) Gov't Code)	\$71.00
Intervention (51.317(b) Gov't Code)	\$71.00
Issuing and Delivering Withholding Order of Writ (110.004 Family Code)	\$15.00
Motion for Clarification (51.317(b) Gov't Code)	\$71.00
Motion for Contempt (SAPCR) (110.002 Family Code)	\$15.00
Motion for Contempt (Not – SAPCR) (51.317(b) Gov't Code)	\$71.00
Motion for Enforcement (110.002 Family Code)	\$15.00
Motion for New Trial (51.317(b) Gov't Code)	\$71.00
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)	\$71.00
Transferred Case to Galveston County (110.005 Family Code)	\$45.00

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

SECTION III

ADDITIONAL FEES – MISCELLANEOUS

Bond Approval (51.318)(b) Gov't Code	\$4.00
Interpreter Fee	\$3.00
Jury Demand (51.604 (a) Gov't Code)	\$40.00
Notice of License Suspended of Notice Vacating Suspended License	\$15.00
Record Search (No Docket Number Provided or to ascertain existence of an Instrument) 53.318 (b)(3) Gov't Code	\$5.00
Criminal Background Check	\$7.00
Return Check Fee	\$30.00
Security Fee on Additional Filings (291.008(d) Local Gov't Code)	\$1.00
E-filing Transaction Fee (72.031(4)(c) Gov't Code) **	\$2.00

Copies

Certified Copies-per instrument	\$1.00 per page
Non-certified Copies-per instrument (1-15 pages)	\$1.00 per page
Non-Certified Copies-per instrument (16 or more pages)	\$.25 per page
Exemplified Copies	\$1.00 per page
(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

Appeal Fee

Civil Cases	\$50.00
Tax Cases	\$50.00
Family Cases	\$45.00

**** Special Notes:** *The E-filing Transaction Fee will take effect January 1, 2014. This fee will be applied for each electronic filing transaction.*

**GALVESTON COUNTY CIVIL PROCESS FEES
(FOR SERVICE WITHIN GALVESTON COUNTY)**

Effective October 1, 2016

Certified Mail	\$70.00
Citation	\$70.00
Citation - Tax Suits (Galveston County)	\$75.00
Civil Capias	\$150.00
Commitment	\$70.00
Delivery Bond	\$75.00
Deposition Subpoena	\$70.00
Notice/Certified Notice	\$75.00
Posting of a Citation	\$75.00
Publication of a Citation	\$75.00
Precept	\$80.00
Replevy Bond	\$75.00
Restitution	\$150.00
Restraining Order	\$100.00
Scire Facias	\$75.00
Show Cause Notice	\$75.00
Subpoena (All)	\$75.00
Summons	\$75.00
Summons & Complaint	\$75.00

Order of Sale	\$ 150.00
Tax Warrant	\$150.00
Temporary Restraining Order	\$100.00
Turnover Order	\$150.00
Writ of Attachment	\$150.00
Writ of Certiorari	\$75.00
Writ of Execution	\$150.00
Writ of Execution and Order of Sale <i>(additional fees are noted below)</i>	\$160.00
Writ of Garnishment	\$150.00
Writ of Habeas Corpus	\$100.00
Writ of Injunction	\$100.00
Writ of Possession	\$200.00
Writ of Sequestration	\$200.00
Writs (All Other)	\$150.00
Any other Non-Writ	\$75.00

In addition to the \$160.00 issuance fee, there are additional fees that apply to a Writ of Execution and Order of Sale. There will be an additional fee of \$40.00 per hour, per Deputy, if the time frame for executing a Writ of Execution or Writ of Execution and Order of Sale exceeds 4 hours.

****Payment methods include Cash, Check and Credit Cards****