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**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**

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

Case Category Code	Case Type Codes and Fee
<b>Civil - Contract</b>	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
<b>Civil - Employment</b>	Discrimination
	Retaliation
	Termination
	Workers' Compensation
	Other Employment
<b>Civil - Injury or Damage</b>	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
<b>Civil - Other Civil</b>	Administrative Appeal
	Appeal from Lower Court

	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
<b>Civil - Related to Criminal Matters</b>	Expunction
	Seizure/Forfeiture
	Sexual Predator (Health & Safety Code 841)
	Writ of Habeas Corpus - Pre-indictment <b><u>\$350.00</u></b>
	Other
<b>Civil -Real Property</b>	Condemnation
	Eminent Domain
	Other Property
	Partition
	Quiet Title
	Trespass to Try Title

<b>Civil – Tax</b>	Tax Appraisal
	Tax Delinquency      \$350.00/ \$50.00 Tax Master fee assessed to certain Courts.
	Other Tax                      \$350.00

**Appeal from lower Court (SB 1612).....\$35.00**

**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**

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**FEES DUE AS SERVICE IS PERFORMED OR REQUESTED**

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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**

<b>Cross-action/Counterclaim (SB 41)</b> .....	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Expunction of records notice</b> (Order Setting Hearing and Final Order, per agency)	
Notice by Certified Mail.....	<b>\$14.00</b>
Electronic Notification.....	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Fraudulent Court Record, Fraudulent Lien or Claim Filed Against Real or Personal Property (New Suit) (SB41)</b> .....	<b>\$350.00</b>
<b>Habeas Corpus (as an additional filing)</b> .....	<b>\$95.00</b>
<b>Interpleader</b> (as an additional filing) (SB41).....	<b>\$80.00</b>
Interpleader as a new suit (SB41).....	<b>\$350.00</b>
<b>Intervention (SB41)</b> .....	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Motion for Contempt (SB41)</b> .....	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Motion for new trial (SB41)</b> .....	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Notice of an action of Fraudulent Court Record, Fraudulent Lien or Claim filed against Real or Personal Property delivered in person</b> .....	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Notice of an action of Fraudulent Court Record, Fraudulent Lien or Claim filed against Real or Personal Property delivered by registered or certified mail</b> .....	<i>Cost of Postage</i>
<b>Occupational/Restricted driver's license petition</b> (includes State Bar Indigent Legal Fee..... (Must be filed in Criminal Courts) price difference depends on being filed in felony or misdemeanor court	<b>\$350.00</b>
<b>Order of sale</b> (Gov't Code § 51.318(b) (2)) File with Civil/Family Post Judgment Department.....	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Other writ</b> or process not otherwise provided for, including one copy (Gov't Code § 51.317(b)(4) and § 51.318(b)(2)).....	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Searching files or records</b> to ascertain the existence of an instrument or record in the District Clerk's Office (Gov't Code § 51.318(b) (4)).....	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Searching files or records</b> to locate a cause when case number or SPN is not provided (Gov't Code § 51.318(b)(3)).....	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Service by Constable, Civil Process Fees:</b> See Attached Listing of "Harris County Civil Process Service Fees as Approved by Commissioners' Court.	
<b>Statement of cost</b> (Gov't Code § 51.319) (3)).....	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Subpoena</b> , including one copy (Gov't Code § 51.318(b)).....	<b>\$8.00</b>

**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**

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

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**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

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

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**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 (not involving children)..... \$350.00**

Case Category Code Family	Case Type Codes
Family/Juvenile - Marriage Relationship	Annulment with Children <b><u>\$365.00</u></b>
	Annulment No Children <b><u>\$ 350.00</u></b>
	Declare Marriage Void <b><u>\$350.00</u></b>
	Declare Marriage Void with children <b><u>\$365.00</u></b>
	Divorce with Children <b><u>\$ 365.00</u></b>
	Divorce no Children <b><u>\$350.00</u></b>
Family/Juvenile - Other Family Law	Adult Adoption <b><u>\$350.00</u></b>
	Register Foreign Judgment (not involving children) <b><u>\$350.00</u></b>
	Garnishment (Before and After) <b><u>\$350.00</u></b>
	Habeas Corpus <b><u>\$365.00</u></b> <b><u>Filed as Additional Habeas Corpus</u></b> <b><u>\$95.00</u></b>

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

	<b>(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – Existing TX Cause</b>
	<b>(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Enforcement</b>
	<b>(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Intervention</b>
	<b>(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Billed</b>
	<b>(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Not Billed</b>
	<b>(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Capias/Writ</b>
	<b>(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service Documents</b>

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

<b>(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service Documents</b>	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**

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**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**

<b>Motion for Enforcement of an Order</b> .....	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Motion for Enforcement of an Order w/children</b> SB (1612) includes \$15.00 DRO Fee) .....	<b>\$95.00</b>
<b>Motion to Modify a Decree w/children</b> (Texas Family Code § 110.002 and § 203.005; (SB1612) (Includes \$15.00 DRO Fee) .....	<b>\$95.00</b>
<b>Motion for New Trial (SB41)</b> .....	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Motion to Transfer Venue out of Harris County (SB 41) (no children involved).</b> .....	<b>\$350.00</b>
<b>Motion for Suspension of License (SAPCR) (SB1612) (includes \$15 DRO fee)</b> .....	<b>\$95.00</b>
<b>Motion to Revoke a Stay of License Suspension (SAPCR) (SB1612) includes \$15 DRO fee</b> .....	<b>\$95.00</b>

**ADDITIONAL FEES – SERVICE**

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

**ADDITIONAL FEES – MISCELLANEOUS**

<b>Request or Termination for Writ of withholding earnings for child support</b> (Family Code § 110.004	<b>\$15.00</b>
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<b>Notice of application of Judicial Writ of Withholding (SB1612) .....</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>
Certificate of No Appeals.....	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Certified copy</b> 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)).....	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Name Change Application and Certificate</b> (Family Code § 3.64 & 32.3241).....	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Searching files or records</b> to ascertain the existence of an instrument or record in the District Clerk’s Office Gov’t Code ( <b>SB 41</b> ) .....	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Searching files or records</b> to locate a cause when docket number is not provided (Gov’t Code § 51.318(b)(3)).....	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Abstracting a judgment</b> (Gov’t Code § 51.318(b)(5)).....	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Bond approval (SB41) .....</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Order of sale</b> (Gov’t Code § 51.318(b)(2)).....	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Writ of execution</b> (Gov’t Code § 51.318(b)(2)).....	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>Writ copy filed</b> w/ District Clerk (Family Code § 158.319, includes Security Fee).....	<b>\$16.00</b>
<b>Writ request filed</b> w/ District Clerk (Family Code § 158.403, includes Security Fee).....	<b>\$16.00</b>

**If you have an uncontested Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs in this case, you are entitled to receive copies and other documents without being charged under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 145. This website does not yet have the capability to provide you with free documents. To receive copies and other documents without being charged, please contact the clerk at 832-927-5800 or [support@hcdistrictclerk.com](mailto:support@hcdistrictclerk.com) or appear at the clerk’s office.”**

# 2025 Harris County Civil Process Fees

## For Service within Harris County

Process	Fee
ATTACHMENT	\$155.00
CERTIORARI	\$85.00
CHILD CUSTODY WARRANT	\$155.00
CITATION	\$85.00
CITATION (posting)	\$85.00
CITATION-TAX SUIT-HARRIS COUNTY	\$85.00
CITATION-TAX SUIT-OUT OF COUNTY	\$85.00
CIVIL CAPIAS	\$155.00
COMMITMENT	\$155.00
CONSTABLE SALE POSTING (EA.)	\$35.00
DEED OR BILL OF SALE (EA.)	\$60.00
DELIVERY BOND	\$60.00
DEPOSITION SUBPOENA	\$85.00
DEPUTY ASSIST-FOR FIRST 2 HOURS	\$300.00
DISTRESS WARRANT	\$155.00
EXECUTION (WRIT)	\$185.00
EXECUTION AND ORDER OF SALE (WRIT)	\$185.00
FINGERPRINTING (PER CARD)	\$11.00
FORCIBLE (EVICTION)	\$85.00
GARNISHMENT	\$125.00
GUARDIANSHIP APPLICATION	\$85.00
HABEAS CORPUS	\$125.00
INJUNCTION	\$125.00
LOCAL BACKGROUND CHECK W/LETTER	\$30.00
MENTAL HEALTH TRANSPORT FEE (1)	\$175.00
NOTICE	\$85.00
ORDER OF RETRIEVAL	\$185.00
OUT OF STATE AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE	\$30.00
PRECEPT	\$85.00
PROCESS/ORDER - ANY OTHER	\$85.00

Process	Fee
PUBLICATION OF CITATION (PLUS COST OF PUBLICATION)	\$85.00
REPLEVY BOND	\$60.00
REPOSSESSION: AIRCRAFT ASSISTANCE WRIT	\$250.00
RESTRAINING ORDER	\$155.00
SCIRE FACIAS	\$85.00
SEQUESTRATION	\$185.00
SHOW CAUSE	\$85.00
SMALL CLAIMS	\$85.00
SUBPOENA	\$85.00
SUMMONS	\$85.00
SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT	\$85.00
TAX RESALE-Sold or Cancelled	\$280.00
TAX SALE-Sold or Cancelled	\$560.00
TAX SUIT - PUBLICATION	\$155.00
TAX WARRANT	\$560.00
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER	\$125.00
TITLE IV-D CAPIAS - APPREHENSION FEE (2)	\$125.00
TITLE IV-D CAPIAS - SERVICES THROUGH FIRST ATTEMPT	\$155.00
TRUSTEE SALE POSTING (EA.)	\$30.00
TURNOVER ORDER	\$155.00
TURNOVER ORDER WITH LEVY FOR RECEIVER	\$280.00
WRIT - ANY OTHER (INCLUDES IV-D CAPIAS)	\$155.00
WRIT OF POSSESSION	\$155.00
WRIT OF REENTRY	\$155.00
WRIT OF RESTORATION OF UTILITY SERVICE	\$155.00
<b>Additional Fees</b>	<b>Fee</b>
EXPEDITED SERVICE (ADDED TO ANY OTHER FEE) (3)	\$85.00
MISC. LETTERS PER PAGE	\$2.00/PAGE
SERVICE BY MAIL-ADDED TO FEES LISTED	\$15.00
WRITS/ORDERS - ADDITIONAL FEES - PER HOUR/PER DEPUTY AFTER TWO HOURS	\$75.00