

District Court Civil Filing Fees

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I. Statewide Required Filing Fees (Set Amounts)

(1) LOCAL CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FEE

Source: § 135.101, Tex. Loc. Gov't Code

Amount: (a) Any *new* civil case, except a probate, guardianship, or mental health case.....\$213.00
(b) Any subsequent filing or action in the case, other than an original filing or action subject to the fee in (a) above\$35.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: \$213.00 - All new *civil cases*, except those mentioned above and cases with no filing fee (*see* District Court Civil Cases and Actions – Part III); “*Civil cases*” includes family law cases, but not a SAPCR¹ transferred from another county (*see* page 24 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions) or juvenile law cases and proceedings under Title 3, Family Code. ***This fee does not apply*** to automatic orders of nondisclosure issued under § 411.072, Tex. Gov't Code.

\$35.00 - “Subsequent filing or action” includes motions to reinstate, ****appeals***, counterclaims, cross-actions, interventions, contempt actions, interpleaders, motions for new trial, and third-party actions. ***However, this fee does not apply to certain subsequent actions in family law cases***, including administrative writs of income withholding (*see* page 34 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions), contempt actions in SAPCR cases (*see* page 35 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions), motions for enforcement in SAPCR cases (*see* page 40 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions); motions for modifications in SAPCR cases (*see* page 41 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions), motions to revoke a stay of license suspension in SAPCR cases (*see* page 43 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions), notices of application for judicial writ of withholding in SAPCR cases (*see* page 44 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions), petitions for license suspension in SAPCR cases (*see* page 45 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions), and requests to modify or terminate writs of withholding (*see* page 46 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions).

****Effective December 4, 2025, the fee (\$35) for filing an appeal is repealed.***

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory.

Destination: The county treasurer will allocate the fee, in accordance with § 135.101(b), (c), Local Gov't Code, to the following accounts and funds:
(a) Appellate Judicial System Fund

¹ “SAPCR” means a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

- (b) Court Facility Fee Fund
- (c) Clerk of the Court Account
- (d) Clerks Records Management and Preservation Account
- (e) Court Reporter Service Fund
- (f) County Law Library Fund
- (g) Courthouse Security Fund
- (h) Language Access Fund
- (i) County Jury Fund
- (j) County Dispute Resolution Fund

(2) STATE CONSOLIDATED CIVIL FEE

Source: § 133.151, Tex. Loc. Gov't Code

Amount: (a) Any *new* civil, probate, guardianship, or mental health case.... \$137.00
 (b) Any subsequent filing or action in the case (other than an original filing or action subject to the fee in (a) above)\$45.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: \$137.00 - All *new* civil, probate, guardianship, and mental health cases, ***except*** those with no filing fee (*see* District Court Civil Cases and Actions – Part III); “*Civil cases*” includes family-law cases, but not a SAPCR transferred from another county (*see* page 24 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions), or a juvenile case or proceeding under Title 3, Family Code. ***This fee does not apply*** to automatic orders of nondisclosure issued under § 411.072, Tex. Gov't Code.

\$45.00 – “Subsequent filing or action” includes motions to reinstate, counterclaims, cross-actions, interventions, contempt actions, adverse probate actions, interpleaders, motions for new trial, and third-party actions. ***This fee does not apply to certain subsequent actions in family law cases or actions***, including administrative writs of income withholding (*see* page 34 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions), contempt actions in SAPCR cases (*see* page 35 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions), motions for enforcement in SAPCR cases (*see* page 40 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions); motions for modifications in SAPCR cases (*see* page 41 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions), motions to revoke a stay of license suspension in SAPCR cases (*see* page 43 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions), notices of application for judicial writ of withholding in SAPCR cases (*see* page 44 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions), petitions for license suspension in SAPCR cases (*see* page 45 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions), and requests to modify or terminate writs of withholding (*see* page 46 of District Court Civil Cases and Actions). This fee no longer applies to an appeal from a lower court.

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory.

Destination: The Comptroller will allocate the fee to some or all of the following accounts and funds:
(a) State Judicial Fund
(b) Basic Civil Legal Services Account
(c) Statewide Electronic Filing System Fund
(d) Judicial And Court Personnel Training Fund

NOTE: A county cannot retain a service fee for collecting this fee. *See § 133.058(d)(4), Tex. Loc. Gov't Code.* However, a county may retain interest earned on the fee if the county remits funds collected to the comptroller in a timely fashion. *See §§ 133.053, 133.055, Tex. Loc. Gov't Code.*

(3) SAPCR TRANSFER FEE

Source: § 110.005, Tex. Fam. Code

Amount: \$80.00 (\$35 local + \$45 state)

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: Any SAPCR case transferred from another county.

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory.

Destination: Fees collected are remitted and allocated as provided by §§ 135.101(a)(2), (c) and 133.151(a)(2), (d), Tex. Loc. Gov't Code.

(4) FEE FOR ORDERS OF NONDISCLOSURE FOR CERTAIN NONVIOLENT MISDEMEANORS (PURSUANT TO GOV'T CODE § 411.072)

Source: § 411.072, Tex. Gov't Code

Amount: \$28.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: The fee applies to all orders issued under the section.

A person is not required to file a petition if the order is issued under § 411.072(b).² Therefore, general filing fees do not apply. OCA provides a [model letter](#) for individuals to submit to the court. The letter is not a petition and should be used only if the court has not performed its duties under § 411.072, when required.³

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: 100% of the fee is retained by the county⁴

NOTE: Although SB 41 (87R) amended § 411.0745(b), Tex. Gov’t Code, to repeal the \$28 fee that must accompany a petition for an order of nondisclosure, it did not repeal the \$28 fee that a person must pay before an automatic order of nondisclosure issues under § 411.072, Tex. Gov’t Code.

(5) FRAUDULENT JUDGMENT LIEN/ FRAUDULENT LIEN OR CLAIM FEE

Sources: § 12.005, Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code

Amount: Same as the fee for filing an original civil case (Currently, \$350.00)

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: New fraudulent lien cases *(This fee does not apply to motions for judicial review filed under Ch. 51, Tex. Gov’t Code.)*

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: See Destination for the local and state consolidated civil fees in (1) and (2) above, respectively.

NOTE: SB 41 (87R) repealed § 12.005(b) and (d), Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code. Effective January 1, 2022, the fee for filing an action under § 12.005 is the fee that generally applies to the filing of a civil case. The \$20 fee for notice of service of this action is repealed. However, a clerk may assess a fee for service of notice of an action pursuant to any other applicable statute or § 51.319, Tex. Gov’t Code, if no other statute applies.

² Compare the language of § 411.072(b) with the language of §§ 411.0725(b), 411.0727(b), 411.0728(b), 411.073(b), 411.0731(b), 411.0735(b), and 411.0736(b). Unlike these other sections, § 411.072(b) does not contain a sentence with language the same as or similar to, “the person may petition the court” or “the person is entitled to file with the court.... a petition.”

³ The court is mandated to take certain actions if a defendant receives a discharge and dismissal under Art. 42A.111, Code Crim. Proc., of a qualifying case (*See § 411.072(a) for what constitutes a qualifying case*).

⁴ Senate Bill 41, 87th Legislature Session, repealed § 411.077(a), Tex. Gov’t Code, which required the clerk to remit the fee to the state comptroller.

(6) JURY FEE

Sources: Rule 216, Tex. Rules Civ. Proc.

Amount: \$10.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: Upon filing of a written jury demand

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: County General Fund.

NOTE: SB 41 (87R) does not repeal or prohibit the application of Rule 216, Tex. Rules Civ. Proc., so a clerk may collect a \$10.00 jury fee when a written jury demand is made, regardless of when the case was filed, as this service fee is determined by the amount in effect when the demand is made.

(7) EXPUNCTION FEE (COPY OF PETITION, NOTICE OF HEARING) *(New)*

Source: Art. 55A.254(f), Tex. Code Crim. Proc.

Amount: \$25.00
This fee takes effect Jan. 1, 2026.

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: Assessed per official, agency, or other entity that is listed in the petition and that is unable to receive an electronic transmission from the clerk.

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory.

Destination: County General Fund

NOTES: A state or local agency **with an e-mail address** must accept a copy of the petition or notice of hearing in an electronic format from the clerk **if** the state or local agency must be listed in the petition. See Art. 55A.254(d). For a list of agencies that must be included in the petition, see Art. 55A.253(a)(8), Tex. Code Crim. Proc.

A clerk may not charge a fee to electronically transmit a copy of the petition or notice to an official, agency, or other entity for which an e-mail address or other means of electronic transmission is provided in the petition.

(8) EXPUNCTION FEE (NOTICE OF EXPUNCTION ORDER) *(New)*

Source: Art. 55A.351(b-3), Tex. Code Crim. Proc.

Amount: \$25.00
This fee takes effect Jan. 1, 2026.

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: Assessed per official, agency, or other entity that is identified under Article [55A.253](#) or [55A.256](#), Tex. Code Crim Proc., and that is unable to receive an electronic transmission from the clerk. **This fee is assessed one time and only after the order is final.** Do not assess this fee if only sending notice that an order was signed or will be sent later.

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory.

Destination: County General Fund

NOTES: A state or local agency identified under Article [55A.253](#) or [55A.256](#), Tex. Code Crim Proc., must accept a copy of the expunction order provided in an electronic format by the clerk **if** the state or local agency has an e-mail address. See Art. 55A.351(b-1), Tex. Code Crim. Proc.

A clerk may not charge a fee to electronically transmit a copy of the order to an official, agency, or other entity for which an e-mail address or other means of electronic transmission is provided in the petition.

II. Statewide Optional Filing Fees (Set Amounts)

(9) CLERK’S BASIC FILING FEE (ACTIONS WITHIN SAPCR)

Source: § 110.002, Tex. Fam. Code

Amount: \$80.00 (\$35 local + \$45 state)

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: (a) The following actions in a SAPCR case:

- contempt action (motion for contempt)
- motion for enforcement
- motion for modification (motion to modify)(suit for modification)
- motion to revoke a stay of license suspension
- notice of application for judicial writ of withholding
- petition for license suspension
- ~~motion to transfer~~ (***SB 1612 (88R)***) *repealed this fee.*

Local Option: Yes – Clerk “may” collect this fee

Destination: Fees collected are remitted and allocated as provided by §§ 135.101(a)(2), (c) and 133.151(a)(2), (d), Tex. Loc. Gov’t Code.

NOTE: No other filing fee may be collected or required for the actions listed above.

III. Statewide Optional Filing Fees (Varying Amounts)

(10) DRO INITIAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICE FEE

Source: § 203.005(a)(2), Tex. Fam. Code

Amount: \$0.01 to \$36.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: All new SAPCR cases (does not include motions to modify or enforce)

Local Option: Yes –

- (a) Fee can be collected if the Commissioners Court establishes a Domestic Relations Office, and the county enters into a “child support cooperative agreement” with the Title IV-D Agency.
- (b) “Administering Entity” (either Commissioners Court or Juvenile Board) “may” authorize collection of the fee.
- (c) Administering Entity sets fee amount and provides for exemptions.

Destination: Either of the following two funds:

- (a) County General Fund where the domestic office is located.
- (b) County Domestic Relations Office Fund

(11) ADMINISTRATIVE WRIT OF INCOME WITHHOLDING FEE

Source: § 158.503, Tex. Fam. Code

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: Administrative writs of income withholding filed in SAPCR cases

Local Option: Yes –

- (a) Clerk “may” charge the fee
- (b) Clerk sets fee amount

Destination: County General Fund

NOTE: Do not charge a fee to a Title IV-D agency or Domestic Relations Office, unless the fee is authorized by § 231.202 or other provision in Chapter 231, of the Texas Family Code. This fee is authorized against a Title IV-D

agency or Domestic Relations Office. See § 231.202(5), Tex. Fam. Code.
For fees prohibited in Title IV-D cases, see § 231.204.

(12) DRO INITIAL OPERATIONS FEE

Source: § 203.005(a)(1), Tex. Fam. Code

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: No -- Only in counties that have established a Domestic Relations Office

Applicability: All new SAPCR cases and all motions to modify and motions to enforce in SAPCR cases

Local Option: Yes –

(a) Fee can be collected if Commissioners Court establishes a County Domestic Relations Office.

(b) “Administering Entity” (either Commissioners Court or Juvenile Board) “may” authorize collection of the fee.

(c) Administering entity sets the fee amount and provides for exemptions.

Destination: Either of the following two funds:

(a) County General Fund where the domestic office is located.

(b) County Domestic Relations Office Fund

(13) MODIFICATIONS/TERMINATIONS OF WITHHOLDING REQUEST FEE

Source: § 158.403, Tex. Fam. Code

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: All requests for the issuance and delivery to a child support obligor of a modified writ of withholding or notice of termination of withholding.

Local Option: Yes – District Clerk “may” set fee

Destination: County General Fund