

# Austin County District Clerk

## Civil Fee Schedule - Effective September 1, 2013

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### DISTRICT COURT - NEW CASES BASE FEE BREAKDOWN\*

*Clerk's Fee GC 51.317(a)(b) DC .....	\$ 50.00
State Judiciary Fee LGC 133.151 SJF .....	\$ 50.00
Court Reporter Service Fee GC 51.601 STF.....	\$ 15.00
Law Library Fee LGC 323.023 LL .....	\$ 35.00
Records Management Fee GC 51.317 RM.....	\$ 10.00
Security Fee LGC 291.008 SECF .....	\$ 5.00
Appellate Judicial System Fee GC 22.2021 AJS.....	\$ 5.00
Indigent Legal Services Fee LGC 133.152 ISC .....	\$ 10.00
Support of the Judicial Fund LGC 133.154 SJFS-DC	\$ 42.00
Electronic Filing System Fund EFSF .....	\$ 20.00
<b>*TOTAL BASE FEE .....</b>	<b>\$ 242.00</b>

### COUNTY COURT AT LAW - DIVORCE CASES BASE FEE BREAKDOWN\*

*Clerk's Fee GC 51.317 DC .....	\$ 50.00
State Judiciary Fee LGC 133.151 SJF .....	\$ 45.00
Court Reporter Service Fee GC 51.601 STF.....	\$ 15.00
Law Library Fee LGC 323.023 LL .....	\$ 35.00
Records Management Fee GC 51.317 RM .....	\$ 10.00
Security Fee LGC 291.008 SECF .....	\$ 5.00
Appellate Judicial System Fee GC 22.2021 AJS .....	\$ 5.00
Indigent Legal Services Fee LGC 133.152 ISF.....	\$ 5.00
VS-165 Form H&SC 194.002/FC 108.001/GC 51.319(3) VS-165 .....	\$ 1.00
Family Protection Fee GC 51.961 .....	\$ 15.00
Support of the Judicial Fund LGC 133.154 SJFS-DC	\$ 42.00
Electronic Filing System Fund EFSF .....	\$ 20.00
<b>*TOTAL BASE FEE.....</b>	<b>\$ 248.00</b>

### DISTRICT COURT BASE FEES\*

TAX SUITS (No Court Reporter/Law Library/AJS Fees) .....	\$ 187.00
TRANSFER TO AUSTIN COUNTY .....	\$ 242.00
EXPUNCTION CCP 102.006 .....	\$ 242.00
Add \$8.00 per agency to be notified .....	\$ 8.00
<b>Expunct.1 Charge \$1.00 per agency</b>	
<b>Expunct.2 Charge \$2.00 per agency</b>	
<b>Postage Charge \$5.00 per agency</b>	
FOREIGN JUDGMENT .....	\$ 242.00
OCCUPATIONAL DL TRANS CODE 521.319 .....	\$ 242.00
SEVERED ACTION .....	\$ 242.00
PETITIONS FOR NON-DISCLOSURE .....	\$ 270.00
ALL OTHER CIVIL SUITS.....	\$ 242.00

### COUNTY COURT AT LAW BASE FEES\*

DIVORCE/ANNULMENT .....	\$ 248.00
(do not collect the \$15.00 PPF if Protective Order requested)	
PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP.....	\$ 233.00
ADOPTIONS FC 108.003/GC 51.318 & 51.319(3) VS-160 ....	\$ 232.00
Fees to State when adoption is granted:	
CAR Fee FC 108.006 CAR .....	\$ 15.00
Birth Certificate (\$25 filing+\$22 new BC).....	\$ 47.00
TRANS. P-C REL. TO AUSTIN CO. FC 110.005 DC, PC-TRAN.....	\$ 45.00
Indigent Legal Services Fee GC 51.941(a) ISF .....	\$ 5.00
Records Preservation/Management Fee.....	\$ 10.00
Courthouse Security Fee.....	\$ 1.00
Electronic Filing System Fund .....	\$ 20.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSFER FEE .....</b>	<b>\$ 81.00</b>
UIFSA (Formerly URESA).....	\$ 232.00
NAME CHANGE/REMOVE DISABILITIES.....	\$ 232.00
PROTECTIVE ORDER*** .....	\$ 232.00
Application Fee FC 71.041*** PROTECT, SPOFF ....	\$ 16.00

\*\*\*Assessed against respondent in final protective order only.

*\*If more than 10 plaintiffs adjust clerk's fee as follows:*

11-25=\$75, 26-100=\$100, 101-500=\$125, 501-1000=\$150, 1001+=\$200

Additionally, see next page for additional fees which may apply to all cases listed above.

## Continuation of District Clerk Civil Fee Schedule

### OTHER FILING FEES★

Intervention, Interpleader, Third Party Petition, Petition for Turnover Order GC 51.317.....	
<b>Civil</b> .....	\$ 56.00
<b>Family</b> .....	\$ 51.00
Cross Action, Counter-Petition, Counter-Claim GC 51.317.....	
<b>Civil</b> .....	\$ 56.00
<b>Family</b> .....	\$ 51.00
Motions/Petitions: For New Trial	
<b>Civil</b> .....	\$ 56.00
<b>Family</b> .....	\$ 51.00
Motions/Petitions To Enforce, Motions/Petitions For Contempt, Motions/Petitions To Modify, Motions/Petitions To Transfer GC 51.317/FC 110.002.....	
<b>Civil</b> .....	\$ 56.00
<b>Family</b> .....	\$ 31.00
Motions/Petitions: For Suspension of License, To Revoke Stay FC 110.002(a).....	
<b>Civil</b> .....	\$ 56.00
<b>Family</b> .....	\$ 51.00
Administrative Writ of Withholding FC 158.503(d), FC 231.202(5).....	\$ 15.00
Notice of Application for, or Delivery of, Judicial Writ of Withholding FC 8.267(d), FC 158.319(c), FC 110.002(a).....	\$ 15.00
Notice of Modification/Termination of Voluntary Withholding FC 8.302(c), FC 158.403(c).....	\$ 15.00

### MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Witness Fee, per day*** CPRC 22.001(a) .....	\$ 10.00
Witness Fee-certified record (person does not need to appear)*** CPRC 22.004(a) .....	\$ 1.00
***Requesting Party to submit, along with the request, a check made payable to the witness or person certifying the record for the 1st day. Fees expended for additional days must be documented with the Clerk before they can be taxed as costs.	
Jury Fee, due 30 days before jury trial GC 51.604.....	\$ 30.00
Certified Copies & Exemplified (Authenticated, Triplicate, Tri-part, 3-way) copies, per page GC 51.318(b)(7) .....	\$ 1.00
Uncertified Copies, per page GC 51.318(b)(8).....	\$ 1.00
Approval of Bond GC 51.318(b)(6).....	\$ 4.00
Record Search (per name) GC 51.318(b)(3) & GC 51.318(b)(4) .....	\$ 5.00
Certificate of Change of Name (Divorce only) FC 45.106(c).....	\$ 10.00
Registry Fund Administrative Fee (10% paid from interest earned) LGC 117.054 .....	\$ varies
Registry Fund Administrative Fee (excluding family law cases LGC 117.055(a), 5% of principal not to exceed) LGC 117.055 .....	\$ 50.00
Out-of-State Attorney/Motion for Pro Hac Vice (Payment to Board of Law Examiners must be attached to Motion).....	\$ 250.00

### ISSUANCE OF PROCESS

Abstract of Judgment (return to Attorney to file with County Clerk) GC 51.318(b)(5).....	\$ 8.00	Writ of Attachment GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00
Capias FC 157.103, GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00	Writ of Execution GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00
Citation GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00	Writ of Garnishment GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00
Notice GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00	Writ of Habeas Corpus GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00
Notice of Order Suspending License FC 232.013(b).....	\$ 5.00	Writ of Injunction GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00
Order of Sale GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00	Writ of Partition GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00
Order Vacating or Staying an Order Suspending License (Obligor only) FC 232.013(b).....	\$ 5.00	Writ of Possession GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00
Precept GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00	Writ of Sequestration GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00
Subpoena GC 51.318(b)(1).....	\$ 8.00	Writ of Temporary Injunction GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00
Temporary Restraining Order GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00	Writ of Turnover GC 51.318(b)(2).....	\$ 8.00
		Writ of Withholding/Order for Withholding FC 8.262, FC 8.302 (c), FC 8.303 (c), FC 110.004.....	\$ 15.00

**SERVICE OF PROCESS BY AUSTIN COUNTY CONSTABLES OR SHERIFF**

*Service of Citations LGC 118.131*

Citation by Personal Service.....	\$ 95.00
Citation by Publication (+\$75.00/week publisher fees, affidavit for this service, and brief statement of nature of suit must accompany request.) .....	\$ 95.00
Citation by Posting (An affidavit for this service must accompany request.) .....	\$ 30.00

*Other Types of Services LGC 118.131*

Precept .....	\$ 95.00	Writ of Mandamus (Clerk's Note: change amount for Fee Code) .....	\$150.00
Subpoena/Summons .....	\$ 95.00	Writ of Restitution (Clerk's Note: change amount for Fee Code) .....	\$ 200.00
Protective Order .....	\$ 95.00	Writ of Attachment .....	\$ 200.00
Temporary Restraining Order .....	\$ 95.00	Writ of Garnishment.....	\$ 150.00
Forcible Entry and Detainer.....	\$ 95.00	Writ of Habeas Corpus.....	\$ 150.00
Turnover Order .....	\$ 200.00	Writ of Partition .....	\$150.00
Injunction (Clerk's Note: change amount for Fee Code) .....	\$ 200.00	Writ of Possession .....	\$ 200.00
Bill of Sale (Clerk's Note: change amount for Fee Code).....	\$ 100.00	Writ of Sequestration .....	\$ 200.00
Execution of Deed .....	\$ 100.00	Writ of Execution (Clerk's Note: change amount for Fee Code).....	\$ 250.00
Distress Warrant .....	\$ 100.00	Any Other Non-Writ .....	\$ 95.00
Order of Sale.....	\$ 200.00	Any Other Writ.....	\$ 200.00
Postings .....	\$ 30.00		

**SERVICE OF PROCESS BY AUSTIN COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE**

Service of Citation by Certified Mail GC 51.319/CPRC 17.025 .....	\$ 95.00
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**SERVICE OF PROCESS BY OTHER COUNTIES OR PROCESS SERVER**

Process returned to requestor and requestor pays fees directly to that County or process server. Clerk must be informed of amounts paid or due in order to tax as costs.