

Justice Court Civil Filing Fees
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I. Statewide Required Filing Fees (Set Amounts)

(1) BASIC FILING FEE

Source: Local Government Code § 118.121

Amount: \$25.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: All new civil suits and all counterclaims, cross-actions, third party actions and interventions.

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: County

(2) STATEWIDE E-FILING FEE

Source: Government Code § 51.851(c)

Amount: \$10.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: All new civil suits and all civil actions requiring a filing fee such as counterclaims, cross-actions, interventions, interpleaders and third-party actions

SPECIAL NOTE: The Court may waive this fee for an individual the court determines is indigent.

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: Statewide Electronic Filing System Fund

(3) INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FEE

Source: Local Government Code § 133.153

Amount: \$6.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: All new civil suits and all civil actions requiring a filing fee such as counterclaims, cross-actions, interventions, interpleaders and third-party actions

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: (a) 95% to State Judicial Fund – Basic Civil Legal Services Account
(b) 5% to County as a “service fee” for collecting the fee
(c) County may retain any interest earned on fee

II. Statewide Optional Filing Fees (Varying Amounts)

(4) ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) FEE

Source: Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 152.005

Amount: \$0.01 to \$5.00

Statewide: Yes

Applicability: New civil suits except:
(a) delinquent tax suits
(b) eviction proceedings, including a forcible detainer, a forcible entry and detainer, and a writ of re-entry

Local Option: Yes –
(a) Fee can be collected only if Commissioners Court establishes a County Alternative Dispute Resolution System.
(b) Commissioners Court “may” set fee.
(c) Commissioners Court sets fee amount

Destination: County Alternative Dispute Resolution System Fund

III. Required Filing Fees in Certain Counties (Set Amounts)

(5) COMAL COUNTY JUVENILE PLACEMENT FEE

Source: Human Resources Code § 152.0522

Amount: \$1.50

Statewide: No – Only in Comal County

Applicability: All new civil suits

Local Option: No – Fee is mandatory

Destination: County Juvenile Placement Special Fund

IV. Optional Filing Fees in Certain Counties (Varying Amounts)

(6) DALLAS COUNTY CIVIL COURT FACILITY FEE

Source: Government Code § 51.705

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: No – Only in Dallas County

Applicability: All new civil suits

Local Option: (a) Yes – Commissioners Court must adopt resolution authorizing this fee
(b) Fee is abolished if Commissioners Court rescinds resolution
(c) Fee is automatically abolished as of July 1, 2030

Destination: Special County fund dedicated to construction, renovation and improvement of Dallas County civil court facilities

(7) HAYS COUNTY CIVIL COURT FACILITY FEE

Source: Government Code § 51.707

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: No – Only in Hays County

Applicability: All new civil suits

Local Option: (a) Yes – Commissioners Court must adopt resolution authorizing this fee
(b) Fee is abolished if Commissioners Court rescinds resolution
(c) Fee is automatically abolished as of July 1, 2022

Destination: Special County fund dedicated to construction, renovation and improvement of the Hays County civil court facilities

(8) ROCKWALL COUNTY COURT FACILITY FEE

Source: Government Code § 51.709 (SB 1827 – 83rd Legislature)

Amount: \$0.01 to \$15.00

Statewide: No – Only in Rockwall County

Applicability: All new civil suits

Local Option: (a) Yes – Commissioners Court must adopt resolution authorizing this fee
(b) Fee is abolished if Commissioners Court rescinds resolution
(c) Fee is automatically abolished as of July 1, 2025

Destination: Special County fund dedicated to construction, renovation and improvement of the Rockwall County court facilities