

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:

**COURT COSTS, FEE ASSESSMENTS AND
DISTRIBUTIONS AND FILING FEE
SCHEDULE**

JUDGMENT ENTRY

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JUVENILE DIVISION
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Lucas Co. Com. Pleas Court

This matter comes before the Court on its own motion on November 13, 2023. The following *Court Order* is based on statutory guidance pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code. This Judgment Entry supersedes the prior Administrative Amended Judgment Entry filed stamped May 3, 2021.

It is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** that the following court costs and filing fee schedule be adopted and hereby instituted effective November 13, 2023.

COURT COSTS

TRAFFIC - MOVING VIOLATIONS		
ITEM	COST	LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER ORC
Base Cost (docketing and filing fee)	\$24.00	§2303.20
Postage Cost	\$5.00	§2303.20
Computerize the Court/make available computer computerized legal research services	\$3.00	§2151.541 (A)(1)
Computerization of Clerk's Office	\$10.00	§2151.541 (B)(1)/§2301.031 (B)
Mediation Services	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
State Reparations Fund (if charge is a misdemeanor, moving traffic, or felony; excludes non-moving traffic)	\$9.00 Misdemeanor* *includes Moving Traffic \$30.00 Felony	§2743.70(A)(2)(a) §2743.70(A)(2)(b)
Additional Moving Violation Cost - \$3.50 goes to Drug Law Enforcement Fund And Justice Program Services Fund, \$5.00 goes to the Indigent Defense Support Fund, and \$1.50 goes to the Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund	\$10.00	§2949.094 (B)
Special Projects Fees		
• General	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
• New CMS Fee	\$15.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
TOTAL	\$176.00	Misdemeanors & Moving Traffic or \$197.00 Felonies

TRAFFIC - NON MOVING VIOLATIONS		
ITEM	COST	LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER ORC
Base Cost (docketing and filing fee)	\$24.00	§2303.20
Postage cost	\$5.00	§2303.20
Computerize the Court/make available computer computerized legal research services	\$3.00	§2151.541 (A)(1)
Computerization of Clerk's Office	\$10.00	§2151.541 (B)(1)/§2301.031 (B)
Mediation Services	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
Non-Moving Violation (non-parking violation) Indigent Defense Support Fund	\$10.00	§2949.091(A)(2)(a)(iii)&(b)
Special Projects Fees		
• General	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
• New CMS Fee	\$15.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
TOTAL	\$167.00	

FELONY CASES		
ITEM	COST	LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER ORC
Base Cost (docketing and filing fee)	\$24.00	§2303.20
Postage Cost	\$5.00	§2303.20
Felony - Indigent Defense Support Fund	\$30.00 - Felony	§2949.091 (A)(2)(a)(i)
Felony - State Reparations Fund	\$30.00 - Felony	§2743.70 (A)(2)(a)
Computerize the Court/make available computer computerized legal research services	\$3.00	§2151.541 (A)(1)
Computerization of Clerk's Office	\$10.00	§2151.541 (B)(1)/§2301.031 (B)
Mediation Services	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
Special Projects Fees		
• General	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
• New CMS Fee	\$15.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
TOTAL	\$217.00 Felony	

UNRULY CASES		
ITEM	COST	LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER ORC
Base Cost (docketing and filing fee)	\$24.00	§2303.20
Postage Cost	\$5.00	§2303.20
Computerize the Court/make available computer computerized legal research services	\$3.00	§2151.541 (A)(1)
Computerization of Clerk's Office	\$10.00	§2151.541 (B)(1)/§2301.031 (B)
Mediation Services	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
Special Projects Fees		
• General	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
• New CMS Fee	\$15.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
TOTAL	\$157.00 Unruly	

MISDEMEANOR CASES		
ITEM	COST	LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER ORC
Base Cost (docketing and filing fee)	\$24.00	§2303.20
Postage Cost	\$5.00	§2303.20
Misdemeanor - Indigent Defense Support Fund	\$20.00 – Misdemeanor	§2949.091 (A)(2)(a)(ii)
Misdemeanor - State Reparations Fund	\$9.00 - Misdemeanor	§2743.70 (A)(2)(b)
Computerize the Court/make available computer computerized legal research services	\$3.00	§2151.541 (A)(1)
Computerization of Clerk's Office	\$10.00	§2151.541 (B)(1)/§2301.031 (B)
Mediation Services	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
Special Projects Fees		
• General	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
• New CMS Fee	\$15.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
TOTAL	\$186.00 Misdemeanor	

CUSTODY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PARENT/CHILD RELATIONSHIP		
ITEM	COST	LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER ORC
Base Cost (docketing and filing fee)	\$24.00	§2303.20
Postage Cost	\$5.00	§2303.20
Computerize the Court/make available computer computerized legal research services	\$3.00	§2151.541 (A)(1)
Computerization of Clerk's Office	\$10.00	§2151.541 (B)(1)/§2301.031 (B)
VIP – parenting classes	\$11.00	§3109.053
Children's Rights Council	\$10.00	Local Rule
Mediation Services	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation	\$15.00	§2303.201 (C)
Special Projects Fees		
• General	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
• New CMS Fee	\$15.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
TOTAL	\$193.00	

COMPLAINT/MOTION FOR VISITATION		
ITEM	COST	LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER ORC
Base Cost (docketing and filing fee)	\$24.00	§2303.20
Postage Cost	\$5.00	§2303.20
Computerize the Court/make available computer computerized legal research services	\$3.00	§2151.541 (A)(1)
Computerization of Clerk's Office	\$10.00	§2151.541 (B)(1)/§2301.031 (B)
VIP – parenting classes	\$11.00	§3109.053
Children's Rights Council	\$10.00	Local Rule
Mediation Services	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation	\$15.00	§2303.201 (C)
Special Projects Fees		
• General	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
• New CMS Fee	\$15.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
TOTAL	\$193.00	

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CHILD SUPPORT		
ITEM	COST	LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER ORC
Base Cost (docketing and filing fee)	\$24.00	§2303.20
Postage Cost	\$5.00	§2303.20
Computerize the Court/make available computer computerized legal research services	\$3.00	§2151.541 (A)(1)
Computerization of Clerk's Office	\$10.00	§2151.541 (B)(1)/§2301.031 (B)
VIP = Parenting classes	\$11.00	§3109.053
Children's Rights Council	\$10.00	Local Rule
Mediation Services	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation	\$15.00	§2303.201 (C)
Special Projects Fees		
• General	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
• New CMS Fee	\$15.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
TOTAL	\$193.00	

3RD PARTY MOTION/COMPLAINT CUSTODY		
ITEM	COST	LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER ORC
Base Cost (docketing and filing fee)	\$24.00	§2303.20
Postage Cost	\$5.00	§2303.20
Computerize the Court/make available computer computerized legal research services	\$3.00	§2151.541 (A)(1)
Computerization of Clerk's Office	\$10.00	§2151.541 (B)(1)/§2301.031 (B)
Children's Rights Council	\$10.00	Local Rule
Mediation Services	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation	\$15.00	§2303.201 (C)
Home Study Fee	\$100.00 per adult in the household	§2303.201 (E)(1)
Special Projects Fees		
• General	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
• New CMS Fee	\$15.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
TOTAL	\$282.00	

ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY CASES (** LCCS INITIATED)		
ITEM	COST	LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER ORC
No Cost	No cost	§2151.54
TOTAL	\$0.00	

MISCELLANEOUS APPLICABLE FEES		
ITEM	COST	LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER ORC
Emergency, Ex parte and Expedited filings (non LCCS initiated)	\$100.00	§2303.201(E)(1)
Public Defender Appointment Application Fee	\$25.00	§120.36 (A)(1); §1907.24 (C)
Special Projects Fees		
• General	\$50.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
• New CMS Fee	\$15.00	§2303.201 (E)(1)
Service Costs (Fed Ex or USPS)	\$12.00 per person certified mail	§2303.20
Personal Service Fee	Service and Return Fee \$16.00 Deposit, \$2.00 per mile for 1 st mile, then \$1.00 per mile for each additional mile going and returning for service per name.	§311.17 (A) & (B)
OVI additional fees	Mandatory \$2.50 for first time offender – sent to State Highway Safety Fund per section 4501.06.	§4510.022
	Optional additional \$2.50 for first time offender – sent to Court's Special Projects fund.	§4510.022 §2303.201 (B)(1) §1901.26 §1907.24 (B)(1)
Additional Child (Custody)	\$25.00 per additional child	§2303.201 (E)(1)
Additional Parent (Child Support)	\$25.00 per additional father	§2303.201 (E)(1)
Surrogacy	\$350.00	Per Local Rule
Notice of Appeal	\$225.00	Local Rule 3
Motion to Modify Parental Rights and Responsibilities with request for a Consent JE	\$100.00	Per Local Rule
Consent Entry as Initial filing	\$100.00	Per Local Rule
Other Miscellaneous Fees & Costs	varies	§2303.20

CASES MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL, UNIQUE CHARGES THAT WILL BE ASSESSED INDIVIDUALLY.

FILING FEE SCHEDULE

LISTED BELOW ARE THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH FILING COMPLAINTS, MOTIONS AND JUDGMENT ENTRIES IN THE JUVENILE CLERK'S OFFICE

CUSTODY

All Motions/Complaints to Establish a Parent/Child Relationship and/or to address custody of a minor child between parents only.....	\$193.00
*per additional child.....	\$ 25.00
Third Party Motion/Complaint regarding Custody and/or Establishment of Parent/Child Relationship (Ex: <i>grandparent, aunt, sister, friend, etc.</i>).....	\$282.00
*per additional child.....	\$ 25.00
Motion to Show Cause (request to enforce an existing) Custody Order	\$193.00
*per additional child.....	\$ 25.00
Motion to Modify Existing Custody Agreement with Request for Mediation	\$193.00
*per additional child.....	\$ 25.00
Counterclaims or Cross-Complaints/Motions.....	\$100.00

VISITATION AND COMPANIONSHIP

All Motions/Complaints to Establish/Modify Visitation between Parents	\$193.00
*per additional child.....	\$ 25.00
Third Party Motion/Complaint for Visitation	\$193.00
*per additional child.....	\$ 25.00
Motion to Show Cause (request to enforce an existing) Visitation Agreement..	\$193.00
*per additional child.....	\$ 25.00
Motion to Modify Existing Visitation Agreement with Request for Mediation...	\$193.00
*per additional child.....	\$ 25.00
Counterclaims or Cross-Complaints/Motions.....	\$100.00

PARENTAGE AND SUPPORT

All Motions/Complaints to Establish or Vacate a Parent/Child Relationship, to Request Genetic Testing and/or a Child Support Order	\$193.00
*per additional father	\$ 25.00
Motion to Modify a Child Support Order.....	\$193.00
*per additional father/mother	\$ 25.00
Motion to Show Cause (request to enforce an existing) Child Support Order ..	\$193.00
*per additional father/mother	\$ 25.00
Complaint to Vacate an Administrative Child or Medical Support Order.....	\$193.00
*per additional father/mother	\$ 25.00
Complaint to Modify an Administrative Child or Medical Support Order.....	\$193.00
*per additional father/mother	\$ 25.00
Motion to Modify Existing Child/Medical Support Order with Request for Mediation	\$193.00
*per additional father/mother	\$ 25.00
Counterclaims or Cross-Complaints/Motions.....	\$100.00

OTHER

Motion to Change or Correct a Name on a Birth Certificate	\$ 96.00
Motion to Modify Parental Rights and Responsibilities (PRR) with Request for Consent Judgment Entry (Initial Filing).....	\$100.00
Notice of Appeal	\$225.00
Surrogacy/Co-Custody.....	\$350.00
Publications	\$ 84.00
Emergency, <i>ExParte</i> and Expedited Requests (all Non-LCCS Initiated Motions or Filings)	\$100.00
Consent Judgment Entry (Initial Filing)	\$100.00
Motion for Continuance.....	No Charge
Answers or Responsive Pleadings	No Charge
Objections	No Charge
Motion to Set Aside Magistrate's Decision	No Charge
Grandparent Caretaker Authorization (Caretaker Affidavit/Power of Attorney)	No Charge
Certificate of Judgment	\$ 30.00
Registration of Foreign Order (Other State or Country Order for Enforcement)	\$ 35.00
Copies of Court Documents (ORC 2303.20(Z))	\$0.05/page
Certification of Document.....	\$1.00 each
Electronic Transmission of Court Documents (ORC 2303.20(Y)).....	\$2.00 each
Application to Seal Juvenile Record (ORC 2151.356).....	No Charge
Application to Expunge Juvenile Record (ORC 2151.358).....	\$ 75.00
Application to Seal Adult Record	No Charge
Application to Expunge Adult Record	\$ 75.00
Application for Consent to Marry.....	No Charge

DEFINITIONS

COURT COSTS: Amounts related to the expenses incident to a cause of action. Court Costs are connected to various specified acts and services performed by the Juvenile Court Clerk and the Court in connection with court procedures. The total amount of court costs in a given case often depends upon the complexity of the procedures involved and the subject matter of the litigation.

FILING FEES: Amount a party must pay to the Juvenile Court Clerk upon filing a cause of action. The filing fee is required when a party files a new complaint or motion, or re-opens a case that has previously been closed. Filing fees are established and required by Ohio law. Please be aware that the filing fee is only the initial payment that must be made at the time a cause of action is filed. If you are an indigent party, you may be eligible, upon proper application with the Court, to defer or waive the payment of the initial filing fee by submitted an application to do so. This application does not waive the \$25.00 Public Defender Application fee.

PLEADING: A formal, usually written, allegation and counter allegation made by the parties in a legal action or proceeding. Typically, but not exclusively, pleadings include Motions, Complaints, Answers and Counter/Crossclaims.

MOTION: A legal application (made verbally or in writing) to a Court or Judge, by a party to an existing case seeking to obtain a ruling, order or direction, that some act or action be done.

COMPLAINT: The initiation of a formal action against a party. A Complaint is similar to a Motion; however, a Complaint is used when there is not an existing case before the Court involving the parties.

ANSWER OR RESPONSIVE PLEADING: A party's written response to a Complaint or Motion.

COUNTERCLAIM OR CROSS-COMPLAINT/MOTION: A party's written or oral response to a Complaint or Motion that includes an application made to a Court or Judge, seeking to obtain a ruling, order or direction, substantially different than that which was requested in the original Complaint or Motion and/or making new allegations against the initiating party.

EMERGENCY, EXPARTE AND EXPEDITED: A request by a party that a matter is of such urgency or necessity that an immediate temporary or intermediate order is needed, resulting in a hearing on the Complaint, Motion or other legal matter at the next earliest available time on the Court's docket.



LINDA M. KNEPP,
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

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