

38th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CHRISTIAN COUNTY, MO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Updated 12/29/23

Civil Cases

Circuit Civil Cases

\$100.50 Standard Filing Fee

(Also Trial De Novo of Agencies Decisions)

*If needed - An additional \$10.00 can be added for Garnishment fees; 488.305

Domestic Cases

A surcharge of \$30.00 that is applied to the Family Services and Justice Fund is included in all of the following cases and filings: dissolutions of marriage, motions to modify dissolutions, stipulations in domestic cases, adoptions, change of name actions, and any other domestic relations cases, except actions filed pursuant to Chapter 455, RSMo. (Child and Adult abuse actions). The surcharge of \$30.00 shall be deposited by the Christian County Circuit Clerk into the Family Services and Justice Fund on a monthly basis.

Standard Domestic Cases

\$130.50 Filing Fee

Adoption Cases

\$210.50 Filing Fee

Appeals –Supreme Court and Court of Appeals

\$70.00 Filing Fee

Associate Cases

\$48.50 Filing Fee

(Also Trial De Novo of Agencies Decisions)

Small Claims

\$35.50 Filing Fee

\$45.00 Trial de Novo (of a Small Claim)

\$5.00 Mechanic's Lien

Expungements

\$100.50 Filing Fee

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Criminal Cases

Felony Case Costs

Standard Total \$284.50

If Needed; Depending on charges:

\$150.00 Drug Testing by a State Lab; 488.029

\$300.00 for Felony A, B, C or D County Law Enforcement Restitution Fund; 50.565, 558.019(10), 559.021.2(1)
OR

\$200.00 for Felony E, County Law Enforcement Restitution Fund; 50.565, 558.019(10), 559.021.2(1)

\$46.00 Crime Victims' Compensation Fund judgment – Alcohol or Other; 595.045.8
OR

\$68.00 Crime Victims' Compensation Fund judgment – Alcohol or Other; 595.045.8
Varies Law Enforcement (Recoupment) Arrest Cost; 488.5334

Misdemeanor Case Costs

Standard Total \$117.50

If Needed; Depending on charges:

\$150.00 Drug Testing by a State Lab; 488.029

\$100.00 for Misdemeanor A, County Law Enforcement Restitution Fund; 50.565, 558.019(10),
559.021.2(1)

OR

\$50.00 for Misdemeanor B, County Law Enforcement Restitution Fund; 50.565, 558.019(10),
559.021.2(1)

Varies Law Enforcement (Recoupment) Arrest Cost; 488.5334

Traffic Misdemeanor Case Cost

Standard Total \$104.50

If Needed; Depending on charges:

\$100.00 for Misdemeanor A or DWI charge, County Law Enforcement Restitution Fund; 50.565, 558.019(10),
559.021.2(1)

OR

\$50.00 for Misdemeanor B or DWI charge, County Law Enforcement Restitution Fund; 50.565, 558.019(10),
559.021.2(1)

Varies Law Enforcement (Recoupment) Arrest Cost; 488.5334

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Traffic & Weight & Safety Costs

Standard Total \$71.50

Traffic Infractions

Standard Total \$67.50

Conservation and Watercraft Costs

Standard Total \$92.50

Municipal Fees

Billings

\$34.50 Standard Total

Fremont Hills

\$33.50 Standard Total

Highlandville

\$34.50 Standard Total

Nixa

\$38.50 Standard Total

Ozark

\$38.50 Standard Total

Sparta

\$36.50 Standard Total

Probate Fees

Large Estate

Large Estate (Over \$40,000.00) With A Will

\$298.50 Filing Fee

AND

\$35.00 (Charged at the end of the final settlement.) Dispense with Administration, including one certified copy;
COR 21.01(a)(16)(F)

AND

\$30.00 (To be paid annually) Annual Clerk Fee; COR 21.01 (a)(14)(D)

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**If needed - Sale of Real Estate by Non-Resident Conservator, including one certified copy (only used if the Personal Representative does NOT live in Missouri & they have a designated resident agent only.)*
\$35.00; COR 21.01(a)(16)(E)

**If needed – Sale of Real Property Publication*
\$200.00

**If needed – Statement of Account Publication*
\$120.00

**If needed – Notice to Unknown Heirs Publication*
\$125.00

Large Estate (Over \$40,000.00) No Will

\$263.50 Filing Fee

AND

\$35.00 (Charged at the end of the final settlement.) Dispense with Administration, including one certified copy;
COR 21.01(a)(16)(F)

AND

\$30.00 (To be paid annually) Annual Clerk Fee; COR 21.01 (a)(14)(D)

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\$120.00

**If needed – Notice to Unknown Heirs Publication*
\$125.00

Small Estate

\$68.50 Filing Fee
(If over \$15,000 add \$60.00 for publication)

Admit A Will to Probate (with small estate)

\$35.00

**If needed – Notice to Unknown Heirs Publication*
\$125.00

Will

Admit a Will – No Letters Granted

\$68.50 Filing Fee

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Clerk fee – Receiving or Keeping a Will During Testator’s Lifetime

\$3.00

Filing Will For Someone Deceased

Free

Decedent Estates

Orders Refusing Letters To Spouse And Or Creditor

\$68.50 Filing Fee

Determination of Heirship

\$268.50 Filing Fee

Require Administration

\$68.50 Filing Fee

To Reopen A Closed Estate

\$68.50 Filing Fee

Safety Deposit Boxes

\$68.50 Filing Fee

Sale of Real Estate by Non-Resident Conservator, including one certified copy

\$35.00

Refusal to Grant Letters to creditor, spouse, or unmarried minor child, including one certified copy

\$68.50

Annual Clerk Fee

\$30.00

Clerk fee – Decedent’s Estates – Additional Fee based on Final Inventory Value

Value \$50,001 - \$100,000 = Cost \$50.00

Value \$100,001 - \$150,000 = Cost \$100.00

Value \$150,001 - \$200,000 = Cost \$150.00

Value \$200,001 - \$250,000 = Cost \$200.00

Value \$250,001 - \$300,000 = Cost \$250.00

Value \$300,001 – 350,000 = Cost \$300.00

Value \$350,001 - \$400,000 = Cost \$350.00

Value \$400,001 - \$450,000 = Cost \$400.00

Value Over \$450,000 = Cost \$450.00

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Guardianship/Conservatorship*

(Please see below for Sheriff Fees)

Adult

Letters of Guardianship and or Conservatorship

\$408.50 Filing Fee

AND

\$30.00 (To be paid annually) Annual Clerk Fee; COR 21.01 (a)(14)(D) – Conservatorship Only

AND

\$35.00 Dispense with Conservatorship, including one certified copy; (Charged at the end of the final settlement.)
COR 21.01(a)(16)(G)

Minor

Letters of Guardianship and or Conservatorship

\$93.50 Filing Fee

**If needed - additional publication is needed on natural parents*

\$198.50 472.100

**If needed - Guardian Ad Litem*

\$300.00

Annual Clerk Fee for Minor Annual Settlement

\$25.00; COR 21.01 (a)(14)(B)

Annual Clerk Fee for Adult Annual Settlement

\$30.00; COR 21.01 (a)(14)(B)

Dispense with Conservatorship, including one certified copy

\$35.00 COR 21.01(a)(16)(G)

Minor Successor or Amended Letters

\$60.00 COR 21.01(a)(14)(A)

Successor Letters

\$75.00 Clerk fee; COR 21.01(a)(14)(C)

Sale of Real Estate by Non-Resident Conservator, including one certified copy

\$35.00 COR 21.01(a)(16)(E)

Trust

\$78.50 Filing Fee

Other Probate Fees:

Probate copies - per page

\$1.00 COR21.01(a)(18)

Probate certification

\$1.50; COR21.01(a)(18)

Clerk fee – Notice of Appeal

\$50.00 COR 21.01(b)

Basic Civil Legal Services Fund surcharge – if appeal filed for Supreme Court and Court of Appeals

\$20.00 488.031 & COR 21.01(b)

Bad Check Fee

\$30.00; 570.120.6

Time Payment Fee

\$25.00; 488.5025

Witness Per Diem - In State

\$25.00/day; State Rate of \$0.49/mile Mileage; 491.280.1

Witness Per Diem - Out of State

\$15.00/day; State Rate of \$0.10/mile Mileage 488.035

Other Fees (not including Probate):

Bad Check Fee

\$30.00; 570.120.6

Time Payment Fee

\$25.00; 488.5025

Witness Per Diem - In State

\$25.00/day; State Rate of \$0.43/mile
Mileage; 491.280.1

Witness Per Diem - Out of State

\$15.00/day; State Rate of \$0.10/mile
Mileage 488.035

Civil & Criminal Copies – per page, minimum \$6.00 when researching and copying the file, including emailing of file. To be prepaid.

\$.30 a page

Certify documents, per page (Criminal and Civil)

\$1.00

Vital Records - Birth Certificate

\$30.00

Sheriff Service Fees & Mileage:

<https://www.christiancountysheriff.net/civil-process-2/>