

May 13, 2010

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASE

Effective May 12, 2010, filing fees and other court costs increased substantially as a result of enactment of HB 1055. The cost for filing a general civil case in Superior or State court has been increased to \$212.50. This amount includes an additional \$125.00 Judicial Operations Fee. The entire additional amount for Superior Court shall be sent to the State of Georgia for funding judicial operations, and, from State Court filings, the state will receive \$75.00 and \$50.00 will be paid to the county for the same purposes.

Attached is a schedule that consolidates the new fees with other existing fees provided for in O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-77.

This office will provide a two-day grace period (May 13 and 14) during which we will accept civil filings under the old fee structure. However, effective Monday, May 17, 2010, we will begin strictly enforcing the new provisions as required by statute.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

With best regards,



M. Linda Pierce

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SUPERIOR COURTS OF GEORGIA
COST SCHEDULE
 EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2010

CIVIL CASES

General Civil

\$212.50

Includes ADR fees, if any

Plus applicable service fees. ALL cases except: 1) Family violence; 2) abandoned motor vehicle actions; and 3) Incoming transfers. See below for additional sums in condemnation and bond validation cases.

***State, Municipalities, counties, political subdivisions or agencies are exempt from \$15 POPIDF-B and \$125 Judicial Operations Fund fees.*

Motions or petitions requesting an order filed 30 or more days after judgment or dismissal require a new action filing cost.

Family Violence

No Fee

Incoming Transfer from: Superior Court

\$50.00

Probate Court (\$50 plus add JOF fee of \$125)

\$175.00

Magistrate Court (\$60 plus JOF fee of \$125)

\$185.00

**Note that ADR and POPIDF-B has already been collected and disbursed in Magistrate Court)*

***File upon receipt of the fee transferred from Magistrate Court and send filing party a bill for outstanding balance*

Minus fee transferred from magistrate court

\$212.50

Appeals from Lower Courts (same as General Civil fee)

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE

Filing petition (includes JOF fee applicable to Superior court)

\$152.00

Plus ADR fees, if applicable

\$7.50

Motor Vehicle Judgment Certificate

\$3.00

**Condemnation and Validation of Bond Action
Per Bond**

To be collected at conclusion of action in addition to General Civil Costs above

up to 500 bonds

\$1.00

over 500 bonds

\$.50

Per page for recording

\$1.50

Subpoena

\$5.00

Issuing Execution

\$0.00

PUBLICATION COSTS -- STANDARD NOTICE

Adoption

\$60.00

Divorce and Name Change

\$80.00

Trade Name

\$40.00

APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEAL

Preparation of Record, per page	\$10.00
Copying Transcript Where Required, per page	\$10.00
Preparation of transcript when clerk is not required to recopy	\$35.00
Entering Remittitur	\$0.00
Per Seal and Certification (in addition to all other costs)	\$2.00

SHERIFF'S SERVICE FEES

Per Copy Served, General	\$50.00
Action from Another County	\$50.00
Per Garnishee Served (1st Copy)	\$50.00
Second and Subsequent Copy(s)	\$6.00
Per Tenant in Dispossessory Action	\$25.00
Levying on attachment	\$50.00
Summoning each witness	\$10.00
Taking bonds in criminal cases	\$20.00
Search/return of nulla bona	\$20.00

RECORDING COSTS -- DEEDS AND REAL ESTATE

	1st Page	2nd and Over
Deeds	\$10.00	\$2.00
Cancellation of Security Deed	\$10.00	\$2.00
Assignments of Security Deeds		
Per Deed Assigned	\$ 5.00	
Other Recording on Deed Record	\$10.00	\$2.00
Plats, Maps and Condominium Floor plans	\$ 8.00	\$8.00
Cross-indexing to previous instrument (mandatory or by request)	\$2.00	N/A

LIENS AND GENERAL EXECUTION DOCKET

	1st Page	2nd and Over
General Execution or Lien Recording	\$5.00	\$2.00
Materialman's Liens, Notices, Bonds	\$5.00	\$2.00
Lis Pendens	\$5.00	\$2.00
Hospital Lien	\$5.00	\$2.00
Federal Tax Lien	\$5.00	\$2.00
All Lien Cancellation or Release per instrument	\$5.00	\$2.00
Cross-indexing to previous instrument (mandatory or by request)	\$2.00	N/A

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY		
	1st Page	2nd and Over
Financing Statement (UCC-1)	\$10.00	\$2.00
Financing Statement with Assignment (UCC-1)	\$20.00	\$2.00
Real Estate Notice Filing (UCC-2)	\$10.00	\$2.00
Amendment or Assignment (UCC-3)	\$10.00	\$2.00
Continuation (UCC-3)	\$10.00	\$2.00
Termination or Release (UCC-3)	\$10.00	\$2.00
Personal Property Lien (Non-UCC)	\$ 4.50	\$2.00
Personal Property Cancellation (Non-UCC)	\$ 4.50	\$2.00
Personal Property Recording Other	\$ 4.50	\$2.00

PARTNERSHIPS	
General, Limited and Amendments, each	\$200.00 Includes ADR fees, if any

OTHER RECORDING		
	1st Page	2nd and Over
Veteran Discharge	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bar Admission Documents	\$0.00	\$0.00
All Other Recording	\$5.00	\$2.00

NOTARY PUBLIC	
Issuance of New Certificate	\$37.00
Renewal	\$37.00
Certificate of Authority	\$2.00

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION	
Registration	\$157.00
Plus Publication Cost to Publisher	\$40.00

MISCELLANEOUS COSTS	
Copy, Uncertified, if no assistance required, per page	\$.50
Copy, Uncertified, if assistance is required, per page	\$1.00
Copy, Certified or Exemplified, first page	\$2.50
Each page after first	\$.50
Copy, Oversize, Larger than 8" x 14", per page	\$2.00
Computer Printouts, per page or equivalent	\$2.50
Copy, Faxed or Electronic, first page	\$2.50
Each page after first	\$1.00