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**HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK**

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**CIVIL AND FAMILY CASES**  
**FILING AND SERVICE FEES**

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## HOW TO USE THE SCHEDULE OF COURT COST

This Schedule separates the fees for filing of pleadings; issuance of citations, notices and writs; and the service of process/issuance. To determine the amount of cost, please calculate:

$$\text{Applicable Filing Fee} + \text{Process Issuance Fee} + \text{Fee for Serving Process} = \text{Total Fee}$$

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**FEES DUE AT THE TIME OF FILING NEW SUIT - CIVIL CASE**

<b>District clerk filing fee</b> (51.317(b)1 Gov't Code) .....	\$ 50.00
<p>1. \$75.00, for a suit with at least 11 but not more than 25 plaintiffs;</p> <p>2. \$100.00, for a suit with at least 26 but not more than 100 plaintiffs;</p> <p>3. \$125.00, for a suit with at least 101 but not more than 500 plaintiffs;</p> <p>4. \$150.00, for a suit with at least 501 but not more than 1,000 plaintiffs; and</p> <p>5. \$200.00, for a suit with more than 1,000 plaintiffs.</p>	
<b>Judicial fund filing fee</b> (51.701(a) Gov't Code).....	50.00
<b>Judiciary Support fee</b> (133.154 Texas Local Gov't Code).....	42.00
<b>Law library</b> (323.023(a) Texas Local Gov't Code) (does not include tax suits).....	15.00
<b>Dispute resolution fund</b> (152.004 Civil Practice and Remedies Code) (does not include tax suits).....	10.00
<b>Appellate judicial fund</b> (does not apply to suit filed by County or Tax Suit) (22.2021(b) V.T.C.A.) .....	5.00
<b>Records management and preservation</b> (51.317(b)(4) Gov't Code).....	10.00
<b>Security service fee</b> (291.008 Texas Local Gov't Code).....	5.00
<b>Court reporter service fee</b> (does not apply to Tax Suit) (51.601 Gov't Code) .....	15.00
<b>State Bar Indigent Legal Fee</b> (51.941 (a) (2) Gov't Code).....	10.00
<b>District Clerk Records Archive Fee</b> (SB1685 and Gov't Code 51.305) .....	5.00
<b>District Clerk Records Digital Record Preservation Fee</b> (HB 3637 and Gov't Code 51.708(a))	10.00
<b>FILING FEE NEW SUIT (CIVIL ONLY, NO SERVICE)</b> .....	<b>227.00</b>
(b1) The fees for filing a suit, including an appeal from an inferior court are:	
1. \$75.00, for a suit with at least 11 but not more than 25 plaintiffs; .....	<b>252.00</b>
2. \$100.00, for a suit with at least 26 but not more than 100 plaintiffs; .....	<b>277.00</b>
3. \$125.00, for a suit with at least 101 but not more than 500 plaintiffs; .....	<b>302.00</b>
4. \$150.00, for a suit with at least 501 but not more than 1,000 plaintiffs; and.....	<b>327.00</b>
5. \$200.00, for a suit with more than 1,000 plaintiffs .....	<b>377.00</b>

***\*Note: For New Suit Filed Related to a Fraudulent Court Record or a Fraudulent Lien of Claim Filed Against Real or Personal Property, See Fees Under "F"***

**FEES DUE AS SERVICE IS PERFORMED OR REQUESTED**

<b>Abstracting a judgment</b> (51.318(b)(5) Gov't Code).....	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Bill of review - Court may require a new suit be filed</b> (includes \$1 security fee) .....	<b>16.00</b>
<b>Bond approval</b> (51.318(b)(10) Gov't Code). .....	<b>4.00</b>
<b>Certified copy of a record</b> , judgment, order, pleading, or paper, on file, or, of record in the District Clerk's Office, including certificate and seal, for each page or part of a page (51.318(b)(11) Gov't Code).	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Certified or registered mail service</b> (51.319(2) Gov't Code) Citation .....	<b>80.00</b>
<b>Certified or registered mail service (51.319(2) Gov't Code)</b> Writ.....	<b>80.00</b>
<b>Citation</b> (include one copy) (51.317(b)(4) and 51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code) .....	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Citation for each additional defendant served by and through the Commissioner of Insurance, Secretary of State, or Texas Highway Commission</b> .....	<b>12.00</b>
<b>Commission for Deposition or Letter of Rogatory</b> 51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code) (SB1685 and Gov't Code 51.305) ( <b>Does not include subpoena fee of \$8.00</b> ) .....	<b>193.00</b>
<b>Contempt action</b> (51.317(b) (2) Gov't Code) (includes \$1 security fee)..... (includes records management and preservation (51.317(b)(4) Gov't Code \$10.00) (SB1685 and Gov't Code 51.305)	<b>31.00</b>
<b>Cross-action/Counterclaim</b> (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code (includes \$1 security fee and \$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee) .....	<b>41.00</b>
(includes records management and preservation (51.317(b)(4) Gov't Code \$10.00) (SB1685 and Gov't Code 51.305)	
<b>Deposition before suit or to investigate claim</b> <b>Petition</b> (Rule 202) .....	<b>227.00</b>
(SB1685 and Gov't Code 51.305)	
<b>Expunction of records notice</b> (Order Setting Hearing and Final Order, per agency) .....	
Notice by Certified Mail.....	<b>14.00</b>
Electronic Notification.....	<b>3.00</b>
<b>Fraudulent Court Record</b> or a Fraudulent Lien or Claim Filed Against Real or Personal Property (New Suit) (Chapter 12, Civil Practice and Remedies Code) .....	<b>15.00</b>
(Fee for Service of Notice of an action under this section is \$20 if the notice is delivered in person; or, the cost of postage if the service is by registered or certified mail)	
<b>Application for Garnishment</b> (Before or After).....	<b>227.00</b>
<b>Habeas corpus</b> (civil additional) (includes \$1 security fee) .....	<b>16.00</b>
<b>Interpleader</b> as an additional filing (includes \$1 security fee and	

\$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee) .....	<b>31.00</b>
<b>Intervention</b> (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code) (includes \$1 security fee and \$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee) .....	<b>41.00</b>
( includes records management and preservation (51.317(b)(4) Gov't Code \$10.00) (SB1685 and Gov't Code 51.305)	
<b>Jury fee</b> (51.604(a) Gov't Code).....	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Motion for new trial</b> (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code) (includes \$1 security fee and \$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee) .....	<b>41.00</b>
( includes records management and preservation (51.317(b)(4) Gov't Code \$10.00) (SB1685 and Gov't Code 51.305)	
<b>Name Change</b> (includes \$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee).....	<b>227.00</b>
<b>Noncertified copy of a record</b> , judgment, order, pleading, or paper on file or of record in the District Clerk's Office, including certificate and seal, for each page or part of a page (51.318(b) (7) Gov't Code).....	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Notice of an action of Fraudulent Court Record</b> or a Fraudulent Lien or Claim filed against Real or Personal Property delivered in person .....	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Notice of an action of Fraudulent Court Record</b> or a Fraudulent Lien or Claim filed against Real or Personal Property delivered by registered or certified mail.....	<i>Cost of Postage</i>
<b>Occupational/Restricted</b> drivers license petition (includes \$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee)	<b>222.00</b>
<b>Order of sale</b> (51.318(b) (2) Gov't Code) .....	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Other writ</b> or process not otherwise provided for, including one copy (51.317(b) (4) and 51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code).....	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Searching files or records</b> to ascertain the existence of an instrument or record in the District Clerk's Office (51.318(b) (4) Gov't Code).....	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Searching files or records</b> to locate a cause when docket number is not provided (51.318(b)(3) Gov't Code).....	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Security fee on additional filings</b> (291.008(d) Texas Local Gov't Code).....	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Service by Constable, Civil Process Fees:</b> See Attached Listing of "Harris County Civil Process Service Fees Effective January 1, 2005" as Approved by Commissioners' Court.	
<b>State Bar Indigent Legal Fee</b> (51.941 (a) (2) Gov't Code).....	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Statement of cost</b> (51.319)(3) Gov't Code).....	<b>15.00</b>
<b>Subpoena</b> , including one copy (51.318(b) Gov't Code).....	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Third party action</b> (51.317(b)(2) V.T.C.A.) (Includes \$1 security fee	

and \$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee).....	<b>41.00</b>
(Includes records management and preservation (51.317(b)(4) Gov't Code \$10.00)	
<b>Transfer venue</b> to Harris County (51.317 Gov't Code) (includes\$10.00 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee) (SB1685 and Gov't Code 51.305).....	<b>227.00</b>
<b>Writ of attachment</b> (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code).....	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Writ of error</b> (plus \$1 per page per petition).....	<b>45.00</b>
<b>Writ of execution</b> (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code).....	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Writ of garnishment</b> (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code).....	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Writ of injunction</b> (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code).....	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Writ of possession</b> (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code).....	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Writ of procedendo</b> .....	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Writ of sequestration</b> (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code).....	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Writ of turnover</b> (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code) .....	<b>8.00</b>

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**FEES DUE AT THE TIME OF FILING A NEW SUIT – DIVORCE/ANNULMENT**  
**(Unless otherwise noted)**

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District Clerk filing fee (51.317(b)1 Gov't Code) .....	\$ 50.00
Judicial Fund filing fee (51.701 Gov't Code) .....	45.00
Judiciary Support fee (133.154 Texas Local Gov't Code) .....	42.00
Law Library fee (323.023(a) Texas Local Gov't Code) .....	15.00
Family Protection Fee (51.961 Gov't Code).....	15.00
Domestic Relations Fee (203.005(a)1 Texas Family Code) .....	15.00
Court reporter service fee (does not apply to Tax Suits) (51.601. Gov't Code) .....	15.00
Child Support Fee (2003.005(a) 2 Texas Family Code).....	12.00
Dispute Resolution Fee (152.004 Civil Practice and Remedies Code).....	10.00
Records Management and Preservation Fund (51.317 Gov't Code) .....	10.00
Appellant Judicial Fund (22.2021(b) V.T.C.A.) .....	5.00
Security Service Fee (291.008) Texas Local Gov't Code) .....	5.00
State Bar Indigent Legal Fee (51.941 (a) (3) Texas Gov't Code).....	5.00
Certified Copy to Bureau of Vital Statistics (Ch. 191 Health & Safety Code).....	1.00
Certified Copy of judgment .....	2.00
District Clerk Records Archive Fee (SB1685 and Gov't Code 51.305).....	5.00
Digital Record Preservation Fee (Section 51.708(a) Govt. Code).....	10.00
<b>FILING FEE NEW SUIT, WAIVER ANNULMENT, OR WAIVER DIVORCE WITH NO CHILDREN, (NO SERVICE) (152.1074(f) V.T.C.S.).....</b>	<b>235.00</b>
<b>FILING FEE NEW SUIT, WAIVER DIVORCE WITH CHILDREN, (NO SERVICE) (Includes \$12 child support fee; \$15 DRO fee) .....</b>	<b>262.00</b>
<b>FILING FEE NEW SUIT, DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT, NO CHILDREN (Excludes \$2 Certified Copy Judgment Fee) .....</b>	<b>233.00</b>

<b>FILING FEE NEW SUIT, DIVORCE WITH CHILDREN, OR ANNULMENT WITH CHILDREN (Includes \$12 Child Support Fee, \$15 DRO Fee, excludes \$2 Certified Copy of Judgment Fee.....</b>	<b>260.00</b>
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**FEES DUE AT THE TIME OF FILING A NEW SUIT – OTHER FAMILY MATTERS**

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<b>ADOPTION MINOR (One child - Includes \$15 Central Adoption Registry fee, and \$2 Certified SDPW Fee. Add \$1 for each additional child.) .....</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>ADULT ADOPTION .....</b>	<b>217.00</b>
<b>CUSTODY .....</b>	<b>232.00</b>
<b>DECLARATORY JUDGMENT .....</b>	<b>217.00</b>
<b>ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT/DECREE .....</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>GESTATIONAL AGREEMENT .....</b>	<b>232.00</b>
<b>HABEAS NEW SUIT .....</b>	<b>217.00</b>
<b>NAME CHANGE – ADULT OR MINOR.....</b>	<b>217.00</b>
<b>PARTITION .....</b>	<b>217.00</b>
<b>PATERNITY .....</b>	<b>232.00</b>
<b>PROTECTIVE ORDER APPLICATION FEE .....</b>	<b>16.00</b>
<b>REMOVAL OF DISABILITY OF MINOR.....</b>	<b>217.00</b>
<b>SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP .....</b>	<b>232.00</b>
<b>SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE.....</b>	<b>232.00</b>
<b>SUPPORT TERMINATION .....</b>	<b>217.00</b>
<b>TRANSFER OF VENUE TO HARRIS COUNTY .....</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>WRIT OF GARNISHMENT AFTER JUDGMENT .....</b>	<b>217.00</b>

**ADDITIONAL FEES – PLEADINGS**

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<b>Cross-action/Counterclaim (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code includes \$1 security fee, \$5 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee and \$10 record management and preservation fee).....</b>	<b>36.00</b>
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<b>Intervention</b> (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code includes \$1 security fee, \$5 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee and \$10 record management and preservation fee) .....	<b>36.00</b>
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**ADDITIONAL FEES – PLEADINGS AFTER JUDGMENT**

<b>Motion for Enforcement of an Order w/o children</b> (SEC. 110.002 Texas Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee) .....	<b>16.00</b>
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<b>Motion for Enforcement of an Order w/children</b> (SEC. 110.002 and 203.005 Texas Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee and \$15 DRO Fee) .....	<b>31.00</b>
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<b>Motion to Modify a Decree w/o children</b> (SEC. 110.002 Texas Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee) .....	<b>16.00</b>
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<b>Motion to Modify a Decree w/children</b> (SEC. 110.002 and 203.005 Texas Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee and \$15 DRO Fee) .....	<b>31.00</b>
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<b>Motion for New Trial</b> (51.317(b)(2) Gov't Code; includes \$1 security fee, \$5 State Bar Indigent Legal Fee and \$10 record management and preservation fee) .....	<b>36.00</b>
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<b>Motion to Transfer Venue Out of Harris County</b> (Sec. 110.002 Texas Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee) .....	<b>16.00</b>
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<b>Motion for Suspension of License</b> (110.002(a) Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee).....	<b>16.00</b>
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<b>Motion to Revoke a Stay of License Suspension</b> (110.002(a) Family Code; includes \$1 Security Fee) .....	<b>16.00</b>
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**ADDITIONAL FEES – SERVICE**

<b>Citation</b> (include one copy) (51.317(b)(3) and 51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code).....	<b>8.00</b>
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<b>Precept</b> (51.317(b)(3) and 51.318 (b)(2) Gov't Code) .....	<b>8.00</b>
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<b>Other writ or process</b> not otherwise provided for, including one copy 51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code) .....	<b>8.00</b>
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<b>Subpoena</b> , including one copy (51.318(b) Gov't Code).....	<b>8.00</b>
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<b>Writ of attachment</b> (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code).....	<b>8.00</b>
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<b>Writ of injunction, temporary restraining order</b> (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code) .....	<b>8.00</b>
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<b>Writ of garnishment</b> (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code).....	<b>8.00</b>
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**Notice of order suspending license**, order vacating or staying an order suspending license 232.008(c) and 232.013(b) Family Code (for each order mailed) ..... **5.00**

**Certified or registered mail service** (51.319(2) Gov't Code) Citation ..... **80.00**

**Certified or registered mail service (51.319(2) Gov't Code)** Writ..... **80.00**

**Service by Constable, Civil Process Fees:** See attached listing of "Harris County Civil Process Service Fees Effective January 1, 2000" as approved by Commissioners' Court

**ADDITIONAL FEES – MISCELLANEOUS**

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**Jury Fee** (51.604(a) Gov't Code). ..... **30.00**

**Writ of withholding earnings for child support** (110.004 Family Code)..... **15.00**

**Notice of application of judicial writ of withholding** (Sec.110.002(a), includes \$1 Security Fee) ..... **16.00**

**Certified copy** of a record, judgment, order, pleading, or paper on file, or of record in the District Clerk's Office, including certificate and seal, \$1 for each page or part of a page (51.318(b)(11) Gov't Code)..... **1.00**

**Non-certified copy** of a record, judgment, order, pleading, or paper on file, or of record in the District Clerk's Office, including certificate and seal, \$ 1for each page or part of a page (51.318(b)(11) Gov't Code) ..... **1.00**

**Name Change Application and Certificate** (3.64 and 32.3241 Family Code) ..... **10.00**

**Searching files or records** to ascertain the existence of an instrument or record in the District Clerk's Office (51.318(b)(4) Gov't Code)..... **5.00**

**Searching files or records** to locate a cause when docket number is not provided (51.318(b)(3) Gov't Code) ..... **5.00**

**Abstracting a judgment** (51.318(b)(5) Gov't Code) ..... **8.00**

**Bond approval** (51.318(b)(6) Gov't Code)..... **4.00**

**Order of sale** (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code) ..... **8.00**

**Writ of execution** (51.318(b)(2) Gov't Code) ..... **8.00**

**Writ copy filed** w/ District Clerk (158.319 Family Code, includes \$1 Security Fee) ..... **16.00**

**Writ request filed** w/ District Clerk (158.403 Family Code, includes \$1 Security Fee) . **16.00**

## Harris County Civil Process Service Fees

### HARRIS COUNTY CIVIL PROCESS SERVICE FEES (FOR SERVICE WITHIN HARRIS COUNTY) Effective January 1, 2013

ATTACHMENT	100.00	POSSESSION	125.00
ANY OTHER PROCESS	75.00	POSTING OF CITATION	70.00
CERTIORARI	75.00	PRECEPT	70.00
CHILD CUSTODY WARRANT	100.00	PUBLICATION OF CITATION	70.00
CIVIL CAPIAS	75.00	REPLEVY BOND	40.00
CITATION	70.00	RESTRAINING ORDER	75.00
CITATION-TAX SUIT-HARRIS COUNTY	75.00	SCIRE FACIAS	75.00
CITATION-TAX SUIT-OUT OF COUNTY	75.00	SEQUESTRATION	125.00
COMMITMENT	75.00	SERVICE BY MAIL-ADDED TO FEES LISTED	10.00
CONSTABLE SALE POSTING (EA.)	25.00	SHOW CAUSE	70.00
DEED OR BILL OF SALE (EA.)	40.00	SMALL CLAIMS	70.00
DELIVERY BOND	40.00	SUBPOENA	70.00
DEPOSITION SUBPOENA	70.00	SUMMONS	70.00
DISTRESS WARRANT	75.00	SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT	70.00
EXECUTION	125.00	TAX RESALE – Sold or Cancelled	200.00
EXECUTION AND ORDER OF SALE	125.00	TAX SALE - Sold or Cancelled	400.00
EXPEDITED SERVICE (Added To Any Other Fee)	65.00	TAX WARRANT	400.00
FINGERPRINTING	10.00	TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER	75.00
FORCIBLE (EVICTION)	70.00	TITLE IV-D CAPIAS- SERVICE THROUGH FIRST ATTEMPT	100.00
GARNISHMENT	75.00	TITLE IV-D CAPIAS- APPREHENSION FEE (2)	25.00
GARNISHMENT APPLICATION	70.00	TRUSTEE SALE POSTING (EA.)	25.00
HABEAS CORPUS	75.00	TURNOVER ORDER	125.00
INJUNCTION	75.00	TURNOVER ORDER W/LEVY FOR RECEIVER	200.00
LOCAL BACKGROUND CHECK	10.00	WRIT OF REENTRY	125.00
LETTER ON ABOVE CHECK	2.00/PG	WRIT OF RESTORATION OF UTILITY SERVICE	125.00
NOTICE	70.00	WRIT – ANY OTHER	125.00
OUT OF STATE AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE	20.00	WRITS – ADDITIONAL FESS – PER HOUR/PER DEPUTY AFTER THREE HOURS	65.00

Service fees shall be charged for multiple parties or process for each party. Sales of real property including multiple tracts shall be charged the corresponding type of sale fee for each tract or parcel. Constable's commission on an execution or an order of sale, in addition to the fees above, when the same is made by a sale, for the first One Hundred Dollars (\$100) or less, ten percent (10%); for the second One Hundred Dollars (\$100), seven percent (7%); for all sums over Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) and not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1000), four percent (4%); for all sums over One Thousand Dollars

(\$1000) and not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000) two percent (2%); for all sums over Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000), one percent (1%). For Writs and Orders that do not go to final sale but Constable has made demand on the defendant, one-half (1/2) of the above commission will be collected. "Tax sales –Sold or Cancelled" and "Tax Resale's Sold or Cancelled" shall include fees and commissions necessary to effectuate a sale (including all required notices, constable sale posting, preparation of a tax deed, additional tax deeds will be charged at a rate of \$40.00 each for preparation and/or review), and execution and order of sale fees, if any, regardless of whether the sale takes place or is cancelled.

**FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS OUT OF HARRIS COUNTY THE ABOVE FEES ALONG WITH THE FEE SCHEDULE TITLED "HARRIS COUNTY CONSTABLES EXPENSE FOR OUT OF COUNTY PROCESS /WRITS OF ATTACHMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011" SHALL BE COMBINED.**