

COURT COSTS AND FEES CHART

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CIVIL COURT COSTS AND FEES – G.S. 7A-305

Changes Enacted During the 2009 Legislative Session

- Increases to existing costs fees and new fees are shaded and shown in red. The relevant section of S.L. 2009-451 enacting the new or increased fee is shown in brackets beside the fee description.

CIVIL COURT COSTS	AMOUNT
MAGISTRATES' COURT. G.S. 7A-305. (except domestic violence cases ¹⁴)	
• General Court of Justice fee [§15.20.(d)]	55.00 ¹⁵
• Facilities fee	12.00
• Phone systems fee [§15.20.(d)]	3.00
• MAGISTRATE TOTAL	70.00
Plus \$15.00 service fee for each item of civil process served by the sheriff. G.S. 7A-311(a)(1).	+15.00
DISTRICT COURT. G.S. 7A-305. (except cases under Chapter 50B or 50C ¹⁰)	
• General Court of Justice	73.00
• Facilities fee	16.00
• Phone systems fee [§15.20.(d)]	3.00
• DISTRICT COURT TOTAL	92.00
Plus \$15.00 service fee for each item of civil process served by the sheriff. G.S. 7A-311(a)(1).	+15.00
SUPERIOR COURT. G.S. 7A-305.	
• General Court of Justice	93.00
• Facilities fee	16.00
• Phone systems fee [§15.20.(d)]	3.00
• SUPERIOR COURT TOTAL	112.00
Plus Business Court fee, upon assignment. [§15.20.(d)]	+1,000.00
Plus \$15.00 service fee for each item of civil process served by the sheriff. G.S. 7A-311(a)(1).	+15.00

¹⁴ No costs may be assessed for the filing, issuance, registration or service of a protective order or a petition for a protective order or witness subpoena under Chapter 50B (Domestic Violence) or 50C (civil no-contact). However:

- Civil district court costs should be assessed for a petition for a workplace civil no-contact order filed under Article 23 of Chapter 95; and
- District court costs should be assessed for amendments to actions filed under 50B unless the amendment also arises under 50B. For example, if an amended complaint is filed in an existing 50B action, and the amendment adds claims for equitable distribution, divorce, or custody, the party filing the amendment is assessed the civil filing fees.

¹⁵ This is a decrease to the small claims GCJ fee, previously \$63.00.

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OTHER CIVIL FEES	AMOUNT
Service fee for each item of civil process served by the sheriff. G.S. 7A-311(a)(1).	15.00
Filing for absolute divorce. G.S. 7A-305(a2). (Paid to State Treasurer; \$55 for the Displaced Homemaker Fund, \$20 for the Domestic Violence Center Fund.)	75.00
MAGISTRATES SPECIAL FEES. G.S. 7A-309.	
Performing marriage ceremony.	20.00
Petition for year's allowance.	8.00
Taking a deposition.	10.00
Proof of execution or acknowledgment of instrument.	2.00
Performing any statutory function, not incident to a civil or criminal action.	2.00

