

COURT COSTS AND FEES CHART

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CIVIL COURT COSTS G.S. 7A-305, unless otherwise specified	AMOUNT
MAGISTRATES’ COURT. G.S. 7A-305. (except cases under Chapter 50B or 50C ¹⁶)	
• General Court of Justice Fee.	55.00
• Facilities Fee.	12.00
• Phone Systems Fee.	4.00 ¹⁷
• MAGISTRATE TOTAL	71.00
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 ¹⁶)	
• General Court of Justice Fee. [§ 15.5.(b).]	80.00
• Facilities Fee.	16.00
• Phone systems Fee.	4.00 ¹⁷
• DISTRICT COURT TOTAL	100.00
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 Fee. [§ 15.5.(b).]	125.00
• Facilities Fee.	16.00
• Phone systems Fee.	4.00 ¹⁷
• SUPERIOR COURT TOTAL	145.00
Plus Business Court Fee, upon assignment.	+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

¹⁶ 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 must be assessed for amendments and counterclaims to actions filed under Chapter 50B, unless the subsequent claim also arises under that chapter. For example, if an amended complaint or counterclaim is filed in an existing 50B action, and the new filing makes a claim for equitable distribution, divorce, and custody, the party filing the amendment or counterclaim is assessed the civil filing fees (including the fee for divorce, if applicable). The filing fees are assessed only once, so only the first party to assert a non-50B claim must pay civil filing fees.

¹⁷ The phone systems fee increased from \$3.00 to \$4.00, effective July 1, 2010. S.L. 2009-451, § 15.20.(d).

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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
Resumption of former name (within or subsequent to absolute divorce). G.S. 50-12(e). [§ 15.9.]	10.00
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

