

St. Joseph County Court

Filing Fees

Effective July 1, 2015

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All Civil Cases (Circuit and Superior Courts) (PL, CC, CT, and MI) (Except Dissolution & Foreclosure Cases)	\$156.00 initial fee, plus \$10.00 per defendant after the first. First service fee of summons by Sherriff* \$25.00.
Civil Case (MF)	\$156.00 initial fee, plus \$50.00 compliance fee, plus \$10.00 per defendant after the first. First time service fee of summons by Sheriff*
Dissolution Cases (DR)	\$176.00 initial fee, plus \$25.00 fee for service of Summons by Sheriff*
Criminal Cases (CM, FA, FB, etc.)	\$183.00 initial fee, plus \$0.50 for traffic charges
Probate Cases (ES, EU, TR, and GU)	\$176.00 initial fee, plus \$25.00 fee for service of Summons by Sheriff*
Adoption Cases (AD)	\$156.00 initial fee, plus \$25.00 fee for service of Summons by Sheriff*
Paternity Cases	\$195.00 initial fee, plus \$25.00 fee for service of Summons by Sheriff*
Small Claims	\$96.00 initial fee, plus \$10 per defendant after the first. First time service fee of summons by Sheriff* 25.00.
Infraction and Ordinance Cases	\$133.50 initial fee, plus fines

*** For Service of Summons by Sheriff, make check or money order payable to the “St. Joseph County Sheriff.”**

Effective July 1, 2015 IC 33-37-5-15 Sheriff Service of Process Fees: \$25.00 & Post Judgment Service Fee \$25.00

Pursuant to Indiana Codes, the courts retain the right to charge additional fees.