

# COWLITZ COUNTY CLERK'S FEE SCHEDULE

Effective \*7/01/09 & \*\*07/26/2009

- Fees to be charged to all cities, other counties, other states, unless specifically stated by statute.
- Fees to be charged to all state agencies unless there is a specific statutory authority (98 Wn2d 606).
- No statutory authority to NOT charge federal agencies except U.S. Immigration and V.A.
- Fees to be paid in advance except for state and county (36.18.060). (Clerk's Office can voucher State & County).

## Civil

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Abstract of Judgment	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(2)
	First Page	5.00	36.18.016(4)
	Each Additional Page	1.00	
Anti-harassment Petition/ Unlawful Harassment Petition	Forms and Filing	53.00	10.14.040 36.18.020(2)(d)
Arbitration Request for Trial de Novo	Filing	250.00	36.18.016(26)
Bail Bondsmen Justification	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(a)
	Judicial Surcharge*	<u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(4)(b)
Ballot Recall	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(a)
	Judicial Surcharge*	<u>30.00</u> 230.00	29A.56.140 36.18.020(4)(b)
Change of Name	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(a)
		<u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(4)(b)
Change of Venue	Filing fee	200.00	4.12.090, .100
	Judicial Surcharge*	<u>30.00</u>	36.18.020(2)(a)
	(payable to clerk of county to which case is transferred)	230.00	36.18.020(4)(b)
	Process fee plus	20.00	CR 82(d) 36.18.016(4)
Copy charge (if any)	.50/page	36.18.016(19)	
	(payable to Cowlitz County Clerk)		

Civil Filing	Filing Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Common Law Lien	Petition to Invalidate Lien	35.00	60.70.060 36.18.012(9)
Counterclaim, Cross-claim, Third Party Claim	Filing in existing case Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
	Exception: Unlawful Detainer Case Judicial Surcharge*	157.00 <u>30.00</u> 187.00	36.18.012(5) 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Deeds of Trust, Surplus Funds	Filing Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	61.24.080(3), 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Diking, Drainage and Sewerage Improvement District	Petition for Review Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	85.15.110 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Election--Affidavit of Elector	Filing - election of person contest; prevention & correction of election frauds & errors Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	29A.68.030 29A.68.011 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Emancipation of a Minor	Filing	50.00	36.18.014 13.64.020
Firearms – Petition to Restore Right to Possess	Filing Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	9.41.047 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Foreign Judgment	Filing	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Frivolous Claim Statute	Filing of Application for Order	35.00	60.04.081(3) 36.18.016(18)
Judgment Extension	Filing	200.00	6.17.020 9.94A.760(4) 36.18.016(15)
Judicial Review	Filing (also see fee exemptions) Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	34.05.514 36.18.020(2)(c) 36.18.020(4)(b)

Jury Demand	12 Member Jury 6 Member Jury	250.00 125.00	36.18.016(3)(a)
Land Use Petition	Filing Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.70C.040 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Legal Newspaper (effective 06-11-41)	Petition and Order Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	65.16.040, 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Meretricious Relationship	Filing Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Minor to Marry (under 17 years of age)	Filing Petition & Order	50.00	26.04.010 36.18.050
Minor Work Permit (under 14 years of age)	Filing Petition and Order	50.00	28A.225.080 26.28.060 36.18.050
Property Taxes, Certification of Delinquency, Application For Judgment	Each Contestant at Time of Filing Appeal	2.00	84.64.120 84.64.040
Registration of Land Titles (Torrens Act)	Application for Registration	20.00	65.12.780 36.18.016(14)
Restrictive Covenant	Petition to Strike Discriminatory Provision re real property	20.00	49.60.227, 36.18.012(5)
Supplemental Proceedings	Filing in an existing case	20.00	36.18.016(7)
Transcript of Judgment	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(2)
Unlawful Detainer - Residential	1. Original Filing Judicial Surcharge*  2. Upon Filing of any Order other than Default Order and Default Judgment (or When Answer Filed) balance is due of	45.00 <u>30.00</u> 75.00  <u>112.00</u>  187.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)  36.18.012(5)
Unlawful Detainer – commercial	Filing Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Warrant for unpaid taxes or for overpayment of benefits by any agency of State of Wash.	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(10) 82.38.235

Water Rights Statement	Filing	25.00	90.03.180 36.18.016(17)
Water System Requirements (Enforcement Of)	Filing of Certified Copy of Administrative Order Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	70.119A.040(6) 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Writs - Attachment - Garnishment - Execution on Real Property - Restitution	Each Filing	20.00	36.18.016(6) 36.18.050

\*Judicial Surcharge due 7/1/2009 – 7/1/2011.

## ADULT CRIMINAL/JUVENILE OFFENDER ASSESSMENTS

Upon Conviction or Plea of Guilty

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Appeal From Court of Limited Jurisdiction – Criminal case	Filing fee (due upon Conviction or Plea of Guilty, Failure to Prosecute Appeal, or Upon Affirmance of a Conviction by a Court of Limited Jurisdiction)	200.00	36.18.020(2)(h)
Bench Warrant		100.00	10.01.160
Costs	Actual	Variable	10.01.160, 10.46.190, 10.64.015
	Attorneys Fees	Variable	10.01.160, 10.46.190, 10.64.015
	Sheriff's Fees	Variable	10.01.160, 10.64.015, 36.18.040
	Witness Fees-Defendant	Variable	10.01.160, 10.64.015
	Witness Fees-State	Variable	10.46.230
Crime Victim Penalty Assessment	Felony/Gross Misdemeanor Misdemeanor	500.00 250.00	7.68.035(1)
Criminal Lab Analysis Fee		100.00	43.43.690
Judgment Extension	Fee Processing Extension	200.00	6.17.020 9.94A.760(4) 10.46.190 36.18.016(15)
Fines	As Determined by the Court	Variable	
Jury Fee – criminal cases	6 man 12 man	125.00 250.00	10.01.160 10.46.190 36.18.016(3)(b)
Legal Financial Obligation	Collection fee	50.00	
	Statement fee	100.00	36.18.016(29)
Restitution	As Determined by the Court	Variable	
Toxicology Lab	(SHB) 1128	125.00	46.61.515

## Family Law/Adoption

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Adoption	Filing fee Judicial surcharge* Facilitator surcharge	200.00 30.00 <u>20.00</u> 250.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b) 26.12.240
Change of Venue	Filing fee Judicial surcharge* (payable to clerk of county to which case is transferred) Process fee plus Copy charge (if any) (payable to Cowlitz County Clerk)	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00  20.00 .50/page	4.12.090, .100 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b) CR 82(d) 36.18.016(4) 36.18.016(19)
Counter Petition	Filing in existing case Judicial surcharge* Facilitator surcharge	200.00 30.00 <u>20.00</u> 250.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b) 26.12.240
	Filing in modification of existing Cowlitz County case Judicial surcharge* Facilitator surcharge	36.00 30.00 <u>20.00</u> 86.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b) 36.18.016(2) 36.18.050 26.12.240
Custody - Non-Parental	Filing fee Judicial surcharge* Facilitator surcharge	200.00 30.00 <u>20.00</u> 250.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b) 26.12.240
Custody – Registering Out of State Custody Decree	Filing fee (Foreign Judgment) Judicial surcharge* Facilitator surcharge	200.00 30.00 <u>20.00</u> 250.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b) 26.27.441 26.12.240
Domestic Relations (Dissolution, Legal Separation, Invalidity)	Filing fee Judicial surcharge* Facilitator surcharge	230.00 30.00 <u>20.00</u> 280.00	36.18.016(2)(b) 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b) 26.12.240
Family Court Facilitator	Fee for Services (User Fee)	20.00	26.12.240 36.18.016(16)
Judgment Extension	Filing fee Facilitator surcharge	200.00 <u>20.00</u> 220.00	6.17.020; 9.94A 36.18.016(15) 26.12.240
Meretricious Relationship	Filing fee Judicial surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)

Modification of Family Law Cases	Filing fee in Existing Cowlitz County Case Judicial surcharge* Facilitator surcharge	36.00 30.00 <u>20.00</u> 86.00	36.18.016(2) 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b), AGLO dated 9-9-87 36.18.050 26.12.240
	New Filing – Modification of another county/state's final order Judicial surcharge* Facilitator surcharge	200.00 30.00 <u>20.00</u> 250.00	
Parentage (Paternity, Challenge, Parenting Plan/Support)	Filing fee Judicial surcharge* Facilitator surcharge	200.00 30.00 <u>20.00</u> 250.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b) 26.12.240
Relocation Notice	Filing in Existing Case Judicial surcharge* Facilitator surcharge	36.00 30.00 <u>20.00</u> 86.00	26.09.260 26.09.410-.560 36.18.050 26.12.240
Supplemental Proceedings	Filing in an existing case	20.00	36.18.016(7)
Termination of Parent-Child Relationship	Filing fee Judicial surcharge* Facilitator surcharge	200.00 30.00 <u>20.00</u> 220.00	26.12.240 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Wage Assignment, Spousal Maintenance or Child Support	Filing of Original Action Judicial surcharge* Facilitator surcharge	200.00 30.00 <u>20.00</u> 220.00	26.18.070, 36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(4)(b) 26.12.240
Writs - Attachment - Garnishment - Execution on Real Property - Restitution	Each Filing	20.00	36.18.016(6) 36.18.050

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## Probate/Guardianship

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Certificate of Qualification	Issuance (Form K)	5.00	36.18.016(9)
Escheat - Probate Proceedings	Filing Claim	200.00	36.18.020(2)(f)
	Judicial surcharge*	<u>30.00</u> 250.00	36.18.020(4)(b) 11.08.300
	Filing Revenue Dept. Affidavit	2.00	
Estate (Probate)	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(f)
	Judicial surcharge*	<u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(4)(b)
Guardianship	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(f)
	Judicial surcharge*	<u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(4)(b)
Letters (Administration, Testamentary, Guardianship)	Certified Copy <b>**Effective 7/26/2009</b>	2.00	36.18.016(9)
		<b>5.00</b>	
Non-Judicial Resolution (Petition, Agreement or Memorandum)	Filing in existing case	20.00	11.96.170, 36.18.012(8)
Non-Probate Notice to Creditors	Filing Judicial surcharge*	200.00	11.42.010(3)(a)
		<u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(2)(f) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Notice of Probate (when probate filed in a county other than where decedent resided)	Filing	20.00	11.40.020(2) 36.18.050
Petition Objecting to Non-Judicial Resolution	Filing Judicial surcharge*	200.00	36.18.020(2)(g)
		<u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(4)(b)
Petition Contesting Will or Trust (TEDRA)	Filing Judicial surcharge*	200.00	36.18.020(2)(g)
		<u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(4)(b)
Petition To Admit Rejected Will	Filing Judicial surcharge*	200.00	36.18.020(2)(g)
		<u>30.00</u> 230.00	36.18.020(4)(b)
Small Estate Affidavit	Filing	20.00	11.62.010 36.18.050
Will Only (after death-no probate contemplated)	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(7) 36.18.016(28)

Will Repository (before death)	Filing	20.00	36.18.016(28) 11.12.265
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## Appeals

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Appeal From Administrative Hearing Decision	Filing (also see non-fee schedule) Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>30.00</u> <u>230.00</u>	34.05.514, 36.18.020(2)(c) 36.18.020(4)(b)
Appeal From Court of Limited Jurisdiction – Civil case	Filing (to be paid at lower court) Judicial Surcharge*	200.00 <u>20.00</u> 220.00	36.18.020(2)(b) 36.18.020(4)(a)
Appeal From Court of Limited Jurisdiction – Criminal case	Filing (due upon Conviction or Plea of Guilty, Failure to Prosecute Appeal, or Upon Affirmance of a Conviction by a Court of Limited Jurisdiction)	200.00	36.18.020(2)(h)
Clerk's Papers	Designation Reproduction	Per pg .50	36.18.016(21) RAP 9.7(a), 15.4(e)
Notice of Appeal to Appellate Court	Filing (payable to Cowlitz County Clerk - RAP 5.1(b)) Judicial Surcharge*	250.00 <u>30.00</u> 280.00	36.18.018(2) 36.18.018(4) 2.32.070
Petition For Review of a Court of Appeals Decision Terminating Review	Filing	200.00	2.32.070
Transmittal of Record /Exhibits		Actual Cost	RAP 9.8;15.4(e)

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## MISCELLANEOUS

Title	Service Provided	Fee	RCW
Approving Bonds, in other than civil or probate		2.00	36.18.016(8)
Authenticated or Exemplified Certificate	Certificate \$2 per seal *plus certified copy fees for documents attached to certificate--\$5 1 <sup>st</sup> page, \$1 additional pages per document	4.00 Plus certified copy fee*	36.18.016(4)
Bench Warrants, Notices, Summons, Subpoenas, Certificate of Deposition for Out of State Depositions	Issuance	20.00	36.18.050
Copies of court documents--certified (With Seal)	First Page Each Additional Page	5.00 1.00	36.18.016(4) 36.23.067
Copies of court documents (Without Seal)	Electronic Copies Hard Copies	.25/page .50/page	36.18.016(4) 36.23.067
	Copies on CD plus electronic copy charge	20.00/ea plus copy fee.25/pg	
	Faxed Copies - First page - Each Additional Page  **Effective July 26, 2009 - First Page - Ea Add'l Pg	\$3.00 \$1.00  \$5.00 \$1.00	36.18.016(20) 36.18.050
Copies - all other documents	Copy of non-court document	.15/page	RCW 42.56.120
Costs for nonstatutory services rendered by clerk by authority or policy must be charged		Actual Cost	36.18.016(24)
Duplication of Recorded Court Proceedings	Duplication - cassette tape - video tape - electronic medium	10.00 / tape 25.00 / tape 25.00 / CD	36.18.016(13)
Executing Certificates	With or Without Seal	2.00	36.18.016(5)

Ex Parte	Presentation of Order  <b>** Effective July 26, 2009</b>	20.00/ presentation <b>30.00/ presentation</b>	36.18.016(12)
Fees In Special Cases	Where no fee is provided for - fees similar and equal to those allowed for services of the same kind	Variable	36.18.050
Filing of Papers Not Related to Litigation and No Other Amount Specified	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(3)
Investment Service Fee – if Written Request Received for Service	Service Fee for Interest Investments	5% of Income Earned	36.48.090
NSF Check Service Charge, Per Check		25.00	36.18.016(24)
Oaths and Affirmations	Filing	20.00	5.28
Reports & Copies Produced at Local Level as Permitted by 2.68.020 & Supreme Court Policy	Copies and Reports	Variable	36.18.016(22)
Searching Records; Compiling statistical reports; Issuing Written Report/Special Services	Per Hour  <b>**Effective July 26, 2009</b>	20.00  <b>30.00</b>	36.18.016(11)
Stop Payment Service Charge, per check		25.00	36.18.016(24)
Witness Fee		10.00 / day .55 / mile	

## FEE EXEMPTIONS

Category	Description	RCW
ABSTRACTS	To Department of Licenses For filings from another county clerk for LFO collection	AGO 61-62 No. 136 36.18.020(4)
ADOPTION	-No filing fee if filed under another Petition already pending under Chapter 26.33 RCW -Preplacement report filed prior to petition for adoption -Revocation of Consent pursuant to 26.33.160	26.33.030(2) 26.33.190(5)
ALIENS, COMMITMENT OF	No charge to U.S. Immigration office for copies	10.70.150
ANTI-HARASSMENT	No charge for forms and brochures	10.14.040(4)
APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT OR COURT OF APPEALS	By state or municipality  By indigent party	2.32.070  4.88.330
APPEALS, CRIMINAL RALJ	No initial filing fee - See Criminal	36.18.020(2)(b)
APPEALS, EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS	No costs to either party	29A.32.040
ATTORNEY GENERAL	Exempt from filing fees relating to paternity or support	74.20.300
BALLOT TITLE	No filing fee	29A.72.080
CHILD SUPPORT/ SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE PETITIONS	No filing fee if filed by State of Washington	26.18.040(2)
CONDEMNATION (Eminent Domain)	No fee for school districts, except on appeal	8.16.150
CRIMINAL	No fee for filing - costs assessed upon conviction or plea of guilty, upon failure to prosecute RALJ appeal or affirmance of lower court conviction	36.18.020(2)(h)
DEPENDENCY	No filing fee	13.34.040

Category	Description	RCW
DISCLAIMER	Upon deposit of money/property (required) - No costs to determine conflicting claims of property (costs may be assessed by court)	4.08.170
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	No charge for forms, brochures or obtaining Protection Orders	26.50.030(4), 36.18.020(3)
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	No charge for filing or service of process; No charge for certified copies to petitioners	26.50.040
DSHS	See Social and Health Services, Department of	
EMANCIPATIONS	No charge for one certified copy of Decree to Petitioner.	13.64.050(3)
EMINENT DOMAIN	See Condemnation	
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY	(Judicial Review on Unemployment Compensation) - No fees of any kind chargeable to individuals - No fees for department for any of Clerks services	50.32.110 50.32.190
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT APPEALS	No costs to either party	29.81.230
FORMS AND BROCHURES	No fee for forms and brochures under the Domestic Violence Act	36.18.020 (3) 26.50.030 (4)
FORMS AND BROCHURES	No fee for forms and brochures under the Unlawful Harassment Act	10.14.040(4)
GUARDIANSHIP or LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP	- No fee for filing when assets less than \$3,000.00 - No prepayment when filed by AG - may be ordered paid by estate	11.88.030(3) 11.88.030(2)(b)
GUARDIANSHIP TO ESTATE	Cause Code migration/ no additional fee is charged to transfer the guardianship file to a probate proceeding when migration is ordered	11.88.150(2)
IMMIGRATION, US	See Aliens, Commitment of	10.70.150
IRRIGATION DISTRICT	No fee for Oath of Commissioner/Board Member of Joint Irrigation District	87.80.100
IN FORMA PAUPERIS	Waiver of filing fee due to financial hardship	36.18.022
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	Exempt from filing fees	48.31.230

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JUVENILE OFFENDER	No fee for filing or service	13.04.160
JUVENILE DEPENDENCY	- No fee for filing or service on Dependency, Guardianship, Terminations - No filing fee on Truancy	13.34.040 36.18.020(2)(a)
LABOR & INDUSTRIES	No filing fee to file complaint to prosecute for collection of wage assignments	49.48.040(2)
MENTAL ILLNESS JURY	No jury fee	MPR 3.3
PROPERTY	Filing to determine conflicting claims of, see Disclaimer	
PROSECUTOR	Exempt from filing fees related to paternity or support	74.20.300
PROSECUTOR (State of WA)	No fees for copies of criminal pleadings	9.94A.110
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	See Social & Health Services, Department of (Judicial Review)	
RECIPROCAL (URES A)	See UIFSA	
RELINQUISHMENT OF A CHILD	No filing fee to a department, agency or prospective adoptive parent under RCW 26.33.080	36.18.020(3)
SERVICE PERSONNEL	No fees for copies to service personnel of US armed forces (for determining entitlements to family allowances and other benefits)	73.04.120
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	No Fees for Copies to Law Enforcement Agencies	36.18.016 SBH 2223
SOCIAL & HEALTH SERVICES	- Judicial review, no filing fees for individuals - Exempt from filing and copy fees relating to paternity or support	74.08.080(3)(a) 74.20.300
SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	(DSHS) Exempt from filing and copy fees relating to paternity or support (also see UIFSA)	74.20.300
UIFSA	(Uniform Interstate Family Support Act) No filing fee - fees may be assessed	26.21.325
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	See Employment Security	

Category	Description	RCW
URESAs	See UIFSA	
VETERANS	(Marital Status) No fees for copies for family or legal representative of deceased for VA or other governmental agencies when required in connection with any claim pending before Veterans' Bureau or governmental agency administering benefits to war veterans	73.04.120
VETERANS	(Pension, Bounty, Back Pay) No fee for administering oaths, preparing official certificate or perfecting a voucher to procure a pension, bounty or back pay for Honorably Discharged, or spouse, orphan or legal representative	73.04.010
VETERANS	(VA Administration For Benefit Eligibility) No charge for copies to VA, applicant or person acting on applicant's behalf	73.36.155
VULNERABLE ADULT	No filing fee	74.34.110(9)
WAGE CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS	Court costs by L & I for Prosecution	49.48.040(2)