

# COWLITZ COUNTY CLERK'S FEE SCHEDULE

*July 27, 2025*

**► NO REFUNDS ◀**

Payments may be made in cash, cashier's check, law firm check, or money order. Filing fee, ex parte fee and certified copy fee should be **separate checks**. All fees must be paid in advance except by state and county (RCW 36.18.060).

## CIVIL

TITLE	SERVICE PROVIDED	FEE	RCW
Abstract of Judgment	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(2)
Abstract of Judgment	Preparation	5.00	36.18.016(4)
Arbitration – Request for Trial de Novo	Filing	250.00	36.18.016(26)
Arbitration – Request for Civil Arbitration	Filing	220.00	36.18.016(25)
Bail Bond Justification	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> <u>290.00</u>	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Change of Venue  NOTE: Filing fee is payable to receiving county CR82(d)  Preparation fee is payable to Cowlitz County	Filing + Surcharges  Preparation of Change of Venue	290.00  20.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)  36.18.016(19)
Civil Case Filing  *Exception-Unlawful Detainer*	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
<b>Civil Protection Order Petition for:</b> Anti-Harassment  DV / Sexual Assault Stalking / Vulnerable Adult Extreme Risk – No Fee	Filing/District or Superior (no fee if stalking, hate crime, etc)	53.00	36.18.020(2)(d);
Common Law Lien – Petition 60.70.060	Filing	35.00	36.18.012(9)

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Counterclaim, Cross-Claim, Third Party Claim (1 pleading=1 fee / 2 pleadings=2 fees)	Filing in existing case	200.00	36.18.020(2)(a)
	Judicial Surcharge	40.00	36.18.020(5)(c)
	Archive Surcharge	<u>50.00</u>	36.18.020(6)
	Total	290.00	
	<b>NOTE: Filing fee for a counter/cross/third party claim in a Residential Unlawful Detainer is \$247.00.</b>		36.18.012(5)
Deeds of Trust, Surplus Funds 61.24.080(3)	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(a)
	Judicial Surcharge	40.00	36.18.020(5)(c)
	Archive Surcharge	<u>50.00</u>	36.18.020(6)
	Total	290.00	
Diking, Drainage & Sewerage Improvement District	Petition for Review	200.00	85.15.110
	Judicial Surcharge	<u>40.00</u>	36.18.020(5)(c)
	Total	240.00	
Election – Affidavit of Elector Contesting Election of Person	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(a)
	Judicial Surcharge	40.00	36.18.020(5)(c)
	Archive Surcharge	<u>50.00</u>	36.18.020(6)
	Total	290.00	
Emancipation of Minor <i>*To be noted on civil docket*</i>	Filing	50.00	36.18.014
Foreign Judgment	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(a)
	Judicial Surcharge	40.00	36.18.020(5)(c)
	Archive Surcharge	<u>50.00</u>	36.18.020(6)
	Total	290.00	
Frivolous Lien/Claim Statute	Filing of Application for Order	35.00	36.18.016(17)
Judicial Review	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(c)
	Judicial Surcharge	40.00	36.18.020(5)(c)
	Archive Surcharge	<u>50.00</u>	36.18.020(6)
	Total	290.00	
Jury Demand <sup>1</sup> <b>NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	6 Member Jury	125.00	36.18.016(3)
	12 Member Jury	250.00	
Land Use Petition 36.70C.040	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(a)
	Judicial Surcharge	40.00	36.18.020(5)(c)
	Archive Surcharge	<u>50.00</u>	36.18.020(6)
	Total	290.00	
Legal Newspaper 65.16.040	File Petition & Order	200.00	36.18.020(2)(a)
	Judicial Surcharge	40.00	36.18.020(5)(c)
	Archive Surcharge	<u>50.00</u>	36.18.020(6)
	Total	290.00	
Minor Under 14 Work Permits 26.28.060, 28A.225.080	Filing Petition	20.00	36.18.012(3)

<sup>1</sup> A jury demand fee is not refundable, even if the case is settled before trial. *Emright v. King County*, 96 Wn.2d 538, 637.

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Minor to Marry/Marriage Waiver Petition (Under 17) 26.04.010 (2)	Filing <b>NOTE: Send to Juvenile Dept. to review prior to filing.</b>	50.00	36.18.050
Property Taxes – Certification of Delinquency, Application for Judgment	\$2.00 filing fee, per person filing appeal	2.00	84.64.120 84.64.040
Relief from Duty to Register as a Sex Offender 9A.44.142	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Restoration of Right to Possess Firearm (if not filed in an existing Cowlitz Co. criminal/juvenile case) 9.41.047	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Restrictive covenant for filing petition to strike discriminatory provisions in real estate 49.60.227	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(6)
Supplemental Proceedings	Filing	20.00	36.18.016(7)
Tax Warrants: Warrant for unpaid taxes/fees or overpayment of benefits by any agency of the State of Wash. 82.38.235	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(10)
Transcript of Judgment	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(2)
Unlawful Detainer - Residential	1. Filing Complaint Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total  2. Defendant files an Answer <b>or</b> Order to Show Cause is entered (Plaintiff pays fee)  3. Full Filing Fee Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	45.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 135.00  112.00  157.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 247.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)  36.18.012(4)
Unlawful Detainer – Commercial	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge 4. Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)

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Water Rights Statement 90.03.180	Filing	25.00	36.18.016(17)
Water System Requirements (Enforcement of) 70.119A.040(6)	Filing Certified Copy of Administrative Order Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Writ of Attachment, Writ of Garnishment, Writ of Restitution, Execution on Real/Personal Property (Issue Order of Sale)	Each Filing	20.00	36.18.016(6)

### DOMESTIC

TITLE	SERVICE PROVIDED	FEE	RCW
Change of Venue  NOTE: Filing fee is payable to receiving county-verify fees CR82(d)  Preparation fee is payable to Cowlitz County	Filing – Dissolution Filing - Custody  Preparation of Change of Venue	364.00 310.00  20.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(2)(b) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6) 36.18.016(19)
Committed Intimate Relationship (formerly Meretricious Relationship)	Filing Judicial Surcharge Facilitator Fee Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 20.00 <u>50.00</u> 310.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.016(16),26.12.240 36.18.020(6)
Counter Petition (filing in an existing case)	Filing Facilitator Fee Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 20.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 310.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.016(16),26.12.240 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Custody/Petition for Residential Schedule/Establish Parenting Plan (filed in a new domestic case)	Filing Facilitator Fee Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 20.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 310.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.016(16),26.12.240 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Custody – Out of State Decree (or Foreign Judgment)	Filing Facilitator Fee Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 20.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 310.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.016(16),26.12.240 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)

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Domestic Relations (Divorce, Legal Separation, Validity of Marriage, Domestic Partnership)	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(a)
	Victim Assessment Fee	54.00	36.18.016(2)(b),26.12.240
	Facilitator Fee	20.00	36.18.016(16),26.12.240
	Judicial Surcharge	40.00	36.18.020(5)(c)
	Archive Surcharge	<u>50.00</u>	36.18.020(6)
	Total	364.00	
Facilitator's Appointment Fee	½ hour appointment	20.00	36.18.016(16) 26.12.240
Modification of Cowlitz County Decree <b>NOTE: Also for Objection to Relocation/Petition for Modification</b>	Filing in existing case	36.00	36.18.016(2)
	Facilitator Fee	<u>20.00</u>	36.18.016(16),26.12.240
	Total	56.00	
Modification of Decree – other than Cowlitz County	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(a)
	Facilitator Fee	20.00	36.18.016(16),26.12.240
	Judicial Surcharge	40.00	36.18.020(5)(c)
	Archive Surcharge	<u>50.00</u>	36.18.020(6)
	Total	310.00	
	Relative Child Visitation (Per RCW 26.11)	Filing	200.00
Facilitator Fee		20.00	36.18.016(16),26.12.240
Judicial Surcharge		40.00	36.18.020(5)(c)
Archive Surcharge		<u>50.00</u>	36.18.020(6)
Total		310.00	
Wage Assignment, Spousal Maintenance or Child Support 26.18.070		Filing	200.00
	Facilitator Fee	20.00	36.18.016(16),26.12.240
	Judicial Surcharge	40.00	36.18.020(5)(c)
	Archive Surcharge	<u>50.00</u>	36.18.020(6)
	Total	310.00	

### PROBATE/PATERNITY/ADOPTION/GUARDIANSHIP

TITLE	SERVICE PROVIDED	FEE	RCW
Adoption Adoption – Certified Copy of Decree to Dept. of Health/Vital Records – No Fee – 26.33.280	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(a)
	Facilitator Fee	20.00	36.18.016(16),26.12.240
	Judicial Surcharge	40.00	36.18.020(5)(c)
	Archive Surcharge	<u>50.00</u>	36.18.020(6)
	Total	310.00	
	Adoption – Certified Copy of Decree on Date of Entry	Certified Copy Charges Apply	Variable
Adoption Fees (payable to the state where the child was born) <b>Contact birth state for appropriate fees</b>	Washington Processing Fee	15.00	Payable to Department of Health/Vital Records
	Certified Birth Certificate	<u>25.00</u>	
		40.00	

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Certificate of Registration of Trust - issued by Clerk <b>NOTE: Clerk will not charge a fee for copies of attachments to be attached to original Certificate that gets filed.</b>	Issuance of Certificate (30 days after filing of the registration, if no objection)	\$5.00 Plus copy fees for attachments	36.18.050 36.18.016(9)
Certificate of Qualification	Issuance (Form K)	5.00	36.18.016(9)
Change of Name – Confidential NOTE: Use only if change is confidential due to DV/Anti-Harassment (non-confidential change of name is filed in district court) 4.24.130(5)	Filing Petition Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> <b>290.00</b>	36.18.016(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Change of Venue  NOTE: Filing fee is payable to receiving county-verify fees CR82(d)  Preparation fee is payable to Cowlitz County	Filing – Adoption, Paternity, Guardianship  Filing - Probate  Preparation of Change of Venue	310.00  290.00  20.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6) 36.18.016(16) 36.18.016(19)
Escheat – Probate Proceedings	Filing Claim Archive Surcharge Total Filing Dept. of Revenue Affidavit	200.00 <u>50.00</u> 250.00  2.00	36.18.020(2)(f) 36.18.020(6)  11.08.300
Estate (Probate)	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(f) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Guardianship/Conservatorship – Adult Emergency Guardianship/Conservatorship	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(f) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Guardianship – Minor Emergency Guardianship – Minor <b>NOTE: No filing fee if proposed Guardian is a relative</b>	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(f) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Letters of Administration/Testamentary, or Letters of Guardianship	Issuance of original for filing (includes 1 issued copy) <b>NOTE: Additional Issued Copies are \$5.00 per copy.</b>	5.00	36.18.016(9)
Non-judicial Binding Agreement probate dispute resolution (TEDRA) <b>w/No Petition filed within an existing case</b> 11.96A.220	Filing Petition, Agreement or Memorandum	20.00	36.18.012(8)

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Non-Probate Notice to Creditors 11.42.010(3)(a)	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(f) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Notice to Creditors – Probate filed in another county where decedent resided 11.40.020(2)	Filing	20.00	36.18.050
Paternity 26.18.070	Filing Facilitator Fee Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 20.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 310.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.016(16) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Paternity Modification (including Petition for Parenting Plan to be filed in new domestic case) 26.18.070	Filing Facilitator Fee Total	36.00 <u>20.00</u> 56.00	36.18.016(2)(a) 36.18.016(16)
Petition Contesting Will or Trust, w/Non-judicial Binding Agreement (and TEDRA w/ petition) regardless of new or existing case 11.96A.220	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(g) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Petition Objecting to Non-Judicial Resolution	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(g) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Petition to Admit Rejected Will	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(g) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Registration of Trust – Filing of Registration 11.98.005	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(a) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Registration of Trust – Certificate of Registration issued by Clerk	Issuance of Certificate (30 days after filing of the registration, if no objection)	\$5.00 Plus copy fees for attachments	36.18.050 (“fee similar” to issuance of Letters Testamentary) <b>NOTE: Clerk will not charge a fee for copies of attachments to be attached to original Certificate that gets filed.</b>

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Termination of Parent/Child Relationship 26.12.240	Filing	200.00	36.18.020(2)(a)
	Facilitator Fee	20.00	36.18.016(16)
	Judicial Surcharge	40.00	36.18.020(5)(c)
	Archive Surcharge	<u>50.00</u>	36.18.020(6)
	Total	310.00	
Will Only (after death – no probate contemplated)	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(7)
Will Repository (before death) 11.12.265	Filing	20.00	36.18.016(28)

***NOTE: Petition to Reinstate Previously Terminated Parental Rights – Filed by Child at Least Age 12. See “Juvenile” Section of Fee Schedule.***

### CRIMINAL

TITLE	SERVICE PROVIDED	FEE	RCW
Crime Victim Penalty upon conviction/admission of guilt	Gross Misdemeanor & Felony	500.00	7.68.035(1)(a)
	Misdemeanor	250.00	
DNA Collection Fee	Gross Misdemeanor & Felony	100.00	43.43.7541
Fee for possession of depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct <b>*Mandatory</b> 9.68A.107-see findings	Felony	\$1,000.00 for each separate conviction	9.68A.070
Filing Fee/Costs imposed & reimbursement to county following conviction/admission of guilt	Filing Costs Restitution	200.00 Variable Variable	36.18.020(h)
Judgment Extension 6.17.020, 9.94A.760(4)	Fee for Processing Extension	200.00	36.18.016(15)
Jury Fee Upon Conviction 10.46.190	6 Member Jury	125.00	36.18.016(3)(b)
	12 Member Jury	250.00	
Supplemental Proceedings (such as Petition for Restoration of Firearm Rights in an existing criminal case)	Filing	20.00	36.18.016(7)

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## JUVENILE

TITLE	SERVICE PROVIDED	FEE	RCW
Marriage Waiver – <b>See Civil</b>			
Petition to Reinstate Previously Terminated Parental Rights – Filed by Child at Least Age 12	Filing Fee <b>NOTE: This proceeding is a separate action from the termination case and is filed as a new case.</b>	Child to do fee waiver	13.34 <b>See RCW 13.34.215(13)</b>
Petition for Vulnerable Youth Guardianship	Filing Fee One Certified Copy	0.00 0.00	13.90.020(4) 13.90.040(3)
Supplemental Proceedings (such as Petition for Restoration of Firearm Rights in an existing juvenile case)	Filing	20.00	36.18.016(7)

## APPEALS

TITLE	SERVICE PROVIDED	FEE	RCW
Clerk's Certificate on Appeal	Execution	2.00	36.18.016(5)
Clerk's Papers	Preparation of Designated Papers	Not to exceed .50 Per Page	36.18.016(20) RAP 9.7(a), 15.4(e)
Notice of Appeal from Administrative Hearing Decision (also see "Fee Exemptions" list at end) 34.05.514	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total	200.00 40.00 <u>50.00</u> 290.00	36.18.020(2)(c) 36.18.020(5)(c) 36.18.020(6)
Notice of Appeal/Discretionary Review from Court of Limited Jurisdiction – Civil	Filing Judicial Surcharge Archive Surcharge Total <b>(Paid to lower court)</b>	200.00 30.00 <u>50.00</u> 280.00	36.18.020(2)(b) 36.18.020(5)(b) 36.18.020(6)
Notice of Appeal/Discretionary Review from Court of Limited Jurisdiction – Criminal	Filing (imposed when affirmed or dismissed)	200.00	36.18.020(2)(h)
Notice of Appeal/Discretionary Review from Superior Court Matter to Appellate Court 2.32.070	Filing Judicial Surcharge Total <b>(Paid to Cowlitz County Clerk)</b>	250.00 <u>40.00</u> 290.00	36.18.018(2) 36.18.020(5)(c)
Transmittal of Record and Exhibits to Appellate Court	Mailing Costs	Actual Cost	RAP 9.8, 15.4(e)

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## MISCELLANEOUS

TITLE	SERVICE PROVIDED	FEE	RCW
Authenticated/Exemplified Copy	Certificate - \$2 per seal Plus Certified Copy Fee of \$5 for 1 <sup>st</sup> page + \$1 each page thereafter	4.00  Plus Copies \$5/\$1	36.18.016(5)  36.18.016(4)
Bench Warrants, Notices, Summons, Subpoenas, Certificates of Deposition for Out of State Depositions	Issuance <b>NOTE: If pro se, judge issues subpoena/subpoena duces tecum per RCW 5.56.010.</b>	20.00 each	36.18.050
Bond – Approving, including justification on the bond other than in civil actions & probate proceedings		2.00	36.18.016(8)
Certificate	Execution with or without a seal	2.00	36.18.016(5)
Change of Venue *See Invidual Case Categories*			
<u>COPIES:</u> Certified copies of document from legal file or imaged documents	First page of each document  Every following page of each document	5.00 1 <sup>st</sup> page  1.00 each page thereafter	36.18.016(4)
<u>COPIES:</u> Copies of document without a seal (un-filed, filed, or scanned)	Per Page	.50	36.18.016(4)
<u>COPIES:</u> Electronic copies (e-mailing) document without a seal	E-mailing – Per Page	.25	36.18.016(4)
Copies made on a CD Electronic <u>images</u>	\$25.00 for each CD Plus .25 per page	25.00+ .25 per page	36.18.016(4) 36.18.016(4)
Duplication of Recorded Court Proceedings	Duplication Fee Search Fee/Per Hr (Large requests)	25.00 30.00	36.18.016(13) 36.18.016(11)
Ex Parte	Presentation of Orders (up to 3) Per Case, Per Day	30.00	36.18.016(12)

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Extension of Judgment 6.17.020	Filing	200.00	36.18.016(15)
Fees in Special Cases – where no fee is provided for; fees similar & equal to those allowed for services of the same kind	Filing	Variable	36.18.050
Filing any paper not related to or part of any Civil, Criminal or Probate matter, required or permitted to be filed for which no other charge is provided by law	Filing	20.00	36.18.012(3)
Forms/Packets	Per Packet Cost	Variable	
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	NSF Fee	30.00	Resolution 11-029-CC Effective 4/19/11
Public Disclosure Request for Copies of Documents	Per Page	.50 Per Page	42.56.120 “...costs established and published by the agency.”
Reports/Copies produced at the local level as permitted by 2.68.020 & Supreme Court	Copies/Reports	Variable	36.18.016(22)
Searching Records; Compiling Statistical Reports; Issuing Written Reports/Special Services	Per Hour	30.00 Per Hour	36.18.016(11)
Witness/Jury Fee	Per Day Per Mile (Eff. 1/1/2025)	10.00/day .70/mile	Fees established by the State of Washington Office of Financial Management
Cost of Non-Statutory Services rendered by Clerk by authority of local ordinance or policy must be charged		Actual Cost	36.18.016(24)

**NOTE:** Limited Partnerships are now filed with Secretary of State. Registered Domestic Partnerships are filed with the Secretary of State. Certificates of Osteopath, Osteopathy Surgery, Chiropractors, Chiroprapody, Optometry, etc., are now filed with Department of Licensing.

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**FEE EXEMPTIONS**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>RCW</b>
Abstracts	To Department of Licensing	AGO 61-62 No. 136
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 RCW 26.33.160 -No certified copy fee for Vital Records	26.33.030(2)  26.33.190(5)
Attorney General	Exempt from filing fees relating to paternity or support	74.20.300
Child Support/Spousal Maintenance Petitions	No filing fee if filed by State of Washington	26.18.040(2)
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)
Domestic Violence	No charge for forms, brochures, or for obtaining Protection Orders. No charge for filing or service of process; no charge for certified copies to parties	26.50.030(4) 36.18.020(3) 26.50.040
Emancipations	No charge for one certified copy of Decree to Petitioner	13.64.050(3)
Employment Security	(Judicial Review on Unemployment Compensation) -No fees of any kind chargeable to individuals -No fees for department for any of Clerk's services	50.32.110  50.32.190
Guardianship or Limited Guardianship	-No fee for filing when assets are less than \$3,000.00 -No prepayment when filed by AG, but 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 a guardianship file to a probate proceeding when migration is ordered	11.88.150(2)

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## COWLITZ COUNTY CLERK'S FEE SCHEDULE

*July 27, 2025*

In Forma Pauperis	Waiver of filing fee due to financial hardship	7.36.250 36.18.022
Insurance Commissioner	Exempt from filing fees	48.31.230
Labor & Industries	No filing fee to file complaint to prosecute for collection of wage assignments	49.48.040(2)
Law Enforcement	No fee related to copies necessary for course of business related to sex offender registration.	36.18.016(27)
Paternity & Support Actions	No fees charged to DSHS or Prosecutor in these cases	74.20.300
Petition for Initial Detention by Family, Guardian or Conservator ("Joel's Law" case) New Cause Code Eff. 7/24/15: MIF	No charge for filing fee. (Clerk to bill local BHO.)	Ch. 71.05 RCW (SSB 5269)
Petition for Vulnerable Youth Guardianship	No charge for filing fee or one certified copy.	See RCW 13.90.010-901
Prosecuting Attorney	Certified copies of documents relating to criminal convictions.	9.94A.500
Relinquishment of a Child	No fee for filing petitions under RCW 26.33.080	36.18.020(3)
Social & Health Services	-Judicial review, no filing fee 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	26.21A.260
Vulnerable Adult  <b>NOTE: Petitioner shall arrange for service of process (no fee for service by LEA eff. 6/7/12)</b>	-No charge for forms, brochures, or for obtaining Protection Orders -No charge for filing; -No charge for certified copies to parties	74.34.110(9)  SSB 6403 Eff. 6/7/12

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