

Schedule of Court Costs

Criminal Court Costs for Circuit Court Offenses and Violations

Civil Filing Fees and Court Costs

Court Costs for Supreme Court Appeal Filings

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SOUTH DAKOTA UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Schedule of Court Costs - *Criminal Cases Only*

Effective July 1, 2020

	LIQUIDATED COSTS	COURT AUTOMATION SURCHARGE	VICTIM'S COMPENSATION SURCHARGE	TOTAL COURT COSTS
<i>CRIMINAL</i> COURT COSTS FOR CIRCUIT COURTS				
All felonies	\$50.00	\$61.50	\$5.00	\$116.50
All Class 1 misdemeanors	\$50.00	\$41.50	\$5.00	\$96.50
Class 2 misdemeanors (violations of state law)	\$50.00	\$23.50	\$5.00	\$78.50
Class 2 misdemeanors (parking violations of state law) **	\$50.00	\$23.50	\$0.00	\$73.50
All violations of county or municipal ordinances	\$50.00	\$17.50	\$5.00	\$72.50
All violations of administrative rules with criminal penalties	\$50.00	\$17.50	\$5.00	\$72.50
Petty Offenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

* According to SDCL 25-10-1, effective July 1, 2011, any person convicted of a crime involving domestic violence or domestic abuse, the court shall order additional court costs of \$25 to be paid to the clerk of courts.

**According to SDCL 23A-28B-42, the Victim's Compensation Surcharge does not apply to violations relating to parking of vehicles.

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		FILING FEE	COURT AUTOMATION SURCHARGE	LAW LIBRARY FEE	TOTAL COURT COSTS
Probate					
	Estate	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$122.00
	Termination	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$72.00
	Special Administration	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$72.00
	Determination of Inheritance Tax	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$72.00
	Guardianships (includes all subsequent papers)	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$72.00
	Safekeeping and Filing of Wills	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
Civil					
	Divorce	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$97.00
	Child Support Modification	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	Civil cases filed for jury or court trial	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$72.00
	Default Judgment	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$72.00
	Eviction	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$72.00
	Expungement	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$72.00
	Foreclosure	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$72.00
	Quiet Title	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$72.00
	Appeals from an Administrative Agency	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$72.00
	Adoptions	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$72.00
	Name Change	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$7.00	\$72.00
	Issuing the following:				
	Transcript of Judgment	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
	Execution	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
	Special Execution	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
	Writ or Commission	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
	Filing and/or Docketing a Transcript of Judgment	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
	Renewing a Judgment	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Miscellaneous					
	Answer Fee or Responsive Pleading (civil)	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
	Record Searches (each name)	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
	Subpoenas (civil)	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
	Authenticated Copies	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
	Certified Copies	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
Small Claims					
	Where the amount in controversy is:	Filing Fee + Postage			
	\$100 or less	\$4.00 + \$11.26	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$24.26
	\$100.01 to \$1,000.00	\$10.00 + \$11.26	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$30.26
	\$1,000.01 to \$3,999.99	\$20.00 + \$11.26	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$40.26
	\$4,000.00 to \$12,000.00	\$20.00 + \$11.26	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$42.26
	* each additional defendant add:	\$11.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11.26
	Transfer to Circuit Court	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
Supreme Court Appeals					
	To Clerk of Circuit Court	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	To Clerk of Supreme Court	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00

*No court cost may be collected in any civil action or proceeding for judicial remedy commenced by the state, a county, a municipality, or a school district.