

# Schedule of Court Costs

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Criminal Court Costs for Circuit Court Offenses and Violations

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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
<b><i>CRIMINAL COURT COSTS FOR CIRCUIT COURTS</i></b>				
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 ( <b>parking</b> 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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**Guide to Filing Fees and Court Costs - Civil Filings Only**

Effective July 1, 2026

		FILING FEE	COURT AUTOMATION SURCHARGE	LAW LIBRARY FEE	TOTAL COURT COSTS
<b>Probate</b>					
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
<b>Civil</b>					
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
<b>Miscellaneous</b>					
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		\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
<b>Small Claims</b>					
Where the amount in controversy is:	Filing Fee + Postage				
\$100 or less	\$4.00 + \$11.26	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$24.84	
\$100.01 to \$1,000.00	\$10.00 + \$11.26	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$30.84	
\$1,000.01 to \$3,999.99	\$20.00 + \$11.26	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$40.84	
\$4,000.00 to \$12,000.00	\$20.00 + \$11.26	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$42.84	
* each additional defendant add:	\$11.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11.84	
Transfer to Circuit Court		\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
<b>Supreme Court Appeals</b>					
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.