

**KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

**COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION; SERVICE OF PROCESS, PLEADINGS, MOTIONS AND
ORDERS**

CR 3.03 District civil fees and costs

(1) The filing fee for a civil case in District Court shall be paid to the clerk at the time the case is filed and shall be \$55.00, except as provided below:

- (a) Where the case or controversy does not exceed \$1500.00, exclusive of interests and costs (Small Claims), the fees shall be \$20.00;
- (b) Where the amount in controversy is \$500.00 or less and is not filed in small claims court, the fees shall be \$30.00;
- (c) Where the case involves the probate of an estate, the fees shall be \$20.00;
- (d) Where the case involves the appointment of guardians, conservators, and curators and is not related to a pending probate proceeding, the fees shall be \$20.00 for each application;
- (e) Where the matter involves a name change for a natural person, the fees shall be \$20.00;
- (f) Where the case involves a paternity determination under KRS Chapter 406, the fees shall be \$20.00;
- (g) Where the case involves mental health proceedings under KRS Chapter 202A, 202B or 387, there shall be no fees except as provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection;
- (h) Where the case involves a hearing for a student pursuant to KRS 159.051, there shall be no fees;
- (i) Where the case involves filing forcible detainer actions, the fees shall be \$20.00; and
- (j) Where the case involves filing a petition to marry under KRS 402.020, the fees shall be \$5.00.
- (k) Fees required by KRS 453.060 and KRS 27A.630 and any other required fees (e.g. court facility fee, library fee) shall be paid in addition to the fee required by this rule.

(2) Appeals to Circuit Court.

- (a) The filing fees for an appeal from a district court civil matter to the circuit court shall be \$60.00.
- (b) In the case of a counterclaim or cross-claim that exceeds the jurisdictional amount of district court requiring transfer to circuit court, additional fees of \$60.00 shall be paid by the party filing the counterclaim or cross-claim.
- (c) In the case of a counterclaim or cross-claim that exceeds the jurisdictional amount for which the lessened fee is provided in subsection (1)(b) above, but which is not greater than the jurisdiction of District Court, additional fees of \$15.00 shall be paid by the party filing such counterclaim or cross-claim.
- (d) The fees required by KRS 453.060 shall be paid in addition to the fee required by this rule.

(3) Additional costs, payable to the circuit clerk at the time the service is requested, shall be charged in District Court civil cases as follows:

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| (a) | For a jury of six persons including paternity cases | \$ 30.00 |
| (b) | Filing a third party complaint | \$ 30.00 |
| (c) | Preparing a certification, including Act of Congress | \$ 5.00 |
| (d) | Providing a copy of a document (per page) | \$.25 |
| (e) | Providing a copy of a video recording
(per individual tape, disk or other media) | \$ 20.00 |
| (f) | Providing a copy of an audio recording | |

	(per individual tape, disk or other media)	\$ 10.00
(g)	Issuing orders of attachment; executions, writ of possession after judgment	\$ 20.00
(h)	Issuing garnishments	\$ 10.00
(i)	Publishing a notice	As set by Newspaper
(j)	Certified mail fees	As set by Postal Service
(k)	Original deposition, including appearance fees and mileage	Assessed as Costs
(l)	Library fees	As set by KRS 172.180 and KRS 453.060

(4) The court, in its discretion, may provide for the payment of additional costs in cases requiring extraordinary services.

HISTORY: Amended eff. 7-1-08 (Order 2008-01); prior amendments eff. 1-1-07 (Order 2006-09); 1-1-05 (Order 2004-5); 7-1-02, 3-15-97 (Order 97-2), 3-15-97; adopted eff. 1-1-97