



# COURT COSTS

Texas Municipal Courts Education Center  
For conviction of offenses committed on or after September 1, 2021

OFFENSE/DESCRIPTION	Consolidated Fees		State Fines			Total
	State	Local	STF	LTF	CSF	
<b>Municipal Ordinance</b>						
Parking (criminal offense)	N/A	14.00	N/A	N/A	varies*	14.00*
Pedestrian	N/A	14.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.00
Other city ordinances not categorized above	62.00	14.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	76.00
<b>State Law</b>						
Transportation Code, Rules of the Road (Chapters 541-600)						
• Parking and Pedestrian (in school crossing zone)	N/A	14.00	50.00	3.00	25.00	92.00
• Parking and Pedestrian (outside school crossing zone)	N/A	14.00	50.00	3.00	N/A	67.00
• Passing a School Bus (Section 545.066)	62.00	14.00	50.00	3.00	25.00	154.00
• Other Rules of the Road offense in a school crossing zone	62.00	14.00	50.00	3.00	25.00	154.00
• Other Rules of the Road offense outside a school crossing zone	62.00	14.00	50.00	3.00	N/A	129.00
Parking and Pedestrian Offense (not under the Rules of the Road)	N/A	14.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.00
Education Code						
• Parent Contributing to Nonattendance (Section 25.093)	62.00	14.00	N/A	N/A	20.00	96.00
All other fine-only misdemeanors not mentioned above	62.00	14.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	76.00

**\*Parking—Section 542.202 or Chapter 682, Transportation Code:**

- \$2-\$5 court cost for cities with population greater than 850,000 that have adopted appropriate ordinance, regulation, or order (mandatory).
- Up to \$5 court cost for cities with population less than 850,000 that have adopted appropriate ordinance, regulation, or order (optional).

## CONSOLIDATED FEES AND STATE FINES BREAKDOWN

	Chart Title	Full Name	Legal Authority	Applies To	Apportionment
Consolidated Fees	<b>State</b>	Consolidated Fee	Section 133.102, Local Government Code	All but parking and pedestrian offenses	90% State, 10% City If timely remitted on quarterly report
	<b>Local</b>	Local Consolidated Fee	Section 134.103, Local Government Code	Nonjailable misdemeanor offenses, including criminal violation of a municipal ordinance	100% City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be allocated into one of four specific funds based on percentages in Section 134.103(b), Local Government Code (see separate chart below)</li> <li>The money allocated may only be used for the purposes indicated in the individual fund and no other purpose</li> </ul>
State Fines	<b>STF</b>	State Traffic Fine	Section 542.4031, Transportation Code	Rules of the Road offenses (Chapters 541-600, Transportation Code)	96% State, 4% City If timely remitted on quarterly report
	<b>LTF</b>	Local Traffic Fine	Section 542.403, Transportation Code	Rules of the Road offenses (Chapters 541-600, Transportation Code)	100% City
	<b>CSF</b>	Child Safety Fine	Article 102.014, Code of Criminal Procedure	Rules of the Road offenses occurring in a school crossing zone; passing a school bus; parent contributing to nonattendance; some city ordinance parking violations	100% City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be deposited in municipal child safety trust fund in municipalities with population greater than 850,000</li> <li>For others, shall first fund school crossing guard program with excess expended for programs designed to enhance public safety and security</li> </ul>

## LOCAL CONSOLIDATED FEE ALLOCATION

The Local Consolidated Fee is a \$14 cost collected on all nonjailable misdemeanor offenses, including criminal violation of a municipal ordinance (Section 134.103, Local Government Code). The municipal treasurer is required to allocate the \$14 to four separate funds or accounts outlined below, based on percentages in the statute, and maintain that individual fund or account. The money in the fund or account may only be used for the purposes provided by law (Section 134.151(a), Local Government Code).

	Allocation	Specific Statute	Percentage	Dollar Amount	Allowed Uses
Local Consolidated Fee	<b>Municipal Court Building Security Fund</b>	Article 102.017, Code of Criminal Procedure	35%	4.90	May only be used for security personnel, services, and items related to buildings that house the operation of municipal court. A non-exhaustive list of potential uses is included in Article 102.017(c), Code of Criminal Procedure.
	<b>Local Truancy Prevention and Diversion Fund</b>	Section 134.156, Local Government Code	35.7143%	5.00	May only be used to finance the salary, benefits, training, travel expenses, office supplies, and other necessary expenses relating to the position of juvenile case manager. Money may not be used to supplement the income of an employee whose primary role is not juvenile case manager.
	<b>Municipal Court Technology Fund</b>	Article 102.0172, Code of Criminal Procedure	28.5714%	4.00	May only be used to finance the purchase of or to maintain technological enhancements for a municipal court. A non-exhaustive list of potential uses is included in Article 102.0172(b), Code of Criminal Procedure.
	<b>Municipal Jury Fund</b>	Section 134.154, Local Government Code	0.7143%	.10	May only be used by municipality to fund juror reimbursements and otherwise finance jury services

## ADDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENT FEES AND FINES

	Fee or Fine	Amount	Legal Authority	Applies To	Apportionment
Nonappearance	<b>Failure to Appear/Violate Promise to Appear Fine</b>	Not to exceed \$25	Article 45.203(c), Code of Criminal Procedure	For an offense of failure to appear (FTA) or violate promise to appear (VPTA)	100% City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City must have an ordinance of the collection of the fine after due notice</li> <li>Formerly known as the “Warrant Special Expense Fee” prior to January 2020. Is now assessed on the offense, not on a warrant.</li> </ul>
	<b>Jury Impanelling Reimbursement Fee</b>	Actual Costs incurred for impanelling	Article 45.026, Code of Criminal Procedure	A party that does not waive jury trial and who fails to appear for the trial	100% City
Passive Enforcement	<b>Omnibase Reimbursement Fee</b>	\$10	Section 706.007(d), Transportation Code	Failure to appear or failure to satisfy a judgment for any fine-only offense if the city has contracted with the Department of Public Safety	100% City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City must have contracted with the Department of Public Safety</li> <li>Fee retained by city, out of which OmniBase is paid</li> </ul>
	<b>Scofflaw Reimbursement Fee</b>	\$20	Section 702.003, Transportation Code	A person who has an outstanding warrant for failure to appear or failure to satisfy the judgment on a violation of a traffic law if the city has contracted with Department of Motor Vehicles or County to deny vehicle registration	100% Department of Motor Vehicles or County Assessor-Collector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City must have contracted with the Department of Motor Vehicles or County Assessor-Collector</li> </ul>
	<b>Third Party Collections</b>	30% of the unpaid fines, fees, costs, restitution, or forfeited bonds	Article 103.0031, Code of Criminal Procedure	Unpaid fines, fees, costs, restitution, or forfeited bonds if the city has a contract with a third-party collections agency	By contract
Payments	<b>Time Payment Reimbursement Fee</b>	\$15	Article 102.030, Code of Criminal Procedure	A person convicted of a misdemeanor and pays any part of the fine, court costs, restitution, or another reimbursement fee on or after the 31st day after the date judgment is entered	100% City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City must deposit into a separate account in the city’s general revenue fund to be used for the purpose of improving the collection of outstanding court costs, fines, reimbursement fees, restitution, or improving the efficiency of administration of justice</li> </ul>

## **ADDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENT FEES AND FINES**

The following fees are collected upon conviction to defray the cost of the services provided in the case by a peace officer (Article 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure; Section 133.104, Local Government Code):

- \$5 arrest reimbursement fee for issuing a written notice to appear in court following the defendant's violation of a traffic law, municipal ordinance, penal law, or for making an arrest without a warrant; when service is performed by a peace officer employed by the State, 20% is sent to the State on the quarterly report.
- \$50 warrant reimbursement fee for executing or processing an issued arrest warrant, capias, or capias pro fine; when service is performed by a peace officer employed by the State, 20% is sent to the State on the quarterly report; when service is performed by another agency, that agency can request the amount of the fee.
- \$5 for serving a subpoena.
- \$5 for summoning a jury.
- \$35 for serving any other writ (includes summons for a defendant or a child's parent).
- Other costs: costs for peace officer's time testifying off duty or mileage for certain transports.

The following reimbursement fees are collected when a charge is remedied via compliance dismissal:

- Up to \$10 - Operate vessel with expired certificate of number
- Up to \$20 - Expired Registration
- Up to \$10 - Fail to Display Registration
- Up to \$10 - Wrong, Altered, or Obscured Registration
- Up to \$10 - Fail to Display Two Plates
- Up to \$10 - Wrong, Altered, or Obscured Plate
- Up to \$20 - Expired Driver's License
- Up to \$20 - Fail to Change Address or Name
- Up to \$20 - Violation of Driver's License Restriction
- Up to \$10 - Operating Unsafe Vehicle
- Up to \$20 - Operating Vehicle Without Complying with Inspection Requirements as Certified
- Up to \$20 - Display Expired Disabled Placard