

COURT COSTS

For Conviction of Offenses Committed on or after August 31, 1999

Legislative Changes Underlined

OFFENSE/DESCRIPTION	State JCPT	State FA	State CVC	State CCC	State JCD	Local TFC	Local CS	Total*
MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES								
■ Parking (authorized by §§542.202-5542.203, Transportation Code)	na	na	na	na	na	na	note 1	note 1
■ Pedestrian	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
■ Other Municipal Ordinances								
• Punishable by a fine of \$200 or less	<u>2.00</u>	5.00	15.00	17.00	.25	na	na	<u>39.25</u>
• Punishable by a fine of \$201 through \$500	<u>2.00</u>	5.00	35.00	17.00	.25	na	na	<u>59.25</u>
• Punishable by a fine of more than \$500	<u>2.00</u>	5.00	35.00	40.00	.25	na	na	<u>82.25</u>
STATE LAW								
■ Transportation Code, Subtitle C, Rules of the Road								
• Parking & Pedestrian (in school crossing zone)	na	na	na	na	na	3.00	note 2	3.00
• Parking & Pedestrian (outside school crossing zone)	na	na	na	na	na	3.00	na	3.00
• Overtaking & passing a school bus, §545.066	<u>2.00</u>	5.00	35.00	17.00	.25	3.00	note 2	<u>62.25</u>
• Other (outside school crossing zone)	<u>2.00</u>	5.00	15.00	17.00	.25	3.00	na	<u>42.25</u>
• Other (in school crossing zone)	<u>2.00</u>	5.00	15.00	17.00	.25	3.00	note 2	<u>42.25</u>
■ Transportation Code, §601.192, Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility								
• First conviction	<u>2.00</u>	5.00	15.00	17.00	.25	na	na	<u>39.25</u>
• Subsequent convictions	<u>2.00</u>	5.00	35.00	17.00	.25	na	na	<u>59.25</u>
■ Education Code								
• Thwarting Compulsory Attendance, §25.093	<u>2.00</u>	5.00	15.00	17.00	.25	na	20.00	<u>59.25</u>
• Failure to Attend School, §25.094	<u>2.00</u>	5.00	15.00	17.00	.25	na	20.00	<u>59.25</u>
■ All other misdemeanors								
• Punishable by a fine of \$500 or less	<u>2.00</u>	5.00	15.00	17.00	.25	na	na	<u>39.25</u>
• Punishable by a fine of more than \$500	<u>2.00</u>	5.00	35.00	17.00	.25	na	na	<u>59.25</u>

*Add applicable fees and other costs whenever they apply. See back of chart for additional costs and fee.

ONOTE 1:

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

NOTE 2:

- **CITIES 400,000 OR MORE: Court is required to collect \$25 for the child safety fund** for the offense of *overtaking and passing a school bus*, (section 545.066, T.C.) and for any offense under Subtitle C, Rules of the Road, Transportation Code that occurs in a school crossing zone.
- **CITIES UNDER 400,000: Court may not collect** court cost for the child safety fund for any offense under Subtitle C, Rules of the Road, Transportation Code.

FEES (Add the following fees whenever they apply.):

- Applicable fees for services of peace officers under Art. 102.011, Code of Criminal Procedure.
 - **Arrest Fee:** \$5.00 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 performed by a peace officer employed by the state, 20% (\$1.00) is sent to the state.
 - **Warrant Fee:** \$50.00 for executing or processing an issued arrest warrant or *capias*. When service performed by a peace officer employed by the state, 20% (\$10.00) is sent to the state.
 - **Summoning a Witness:** \$5.00 for serving a subpoena.
 - **Summoning a Jury:** \$5.00 for summoning a jury.
 - **Service of a summons** (for a defendant or a child's parents): - \$35.
 - **Other Costs:** Costs for peace officer's time testifying while off duty.
- **Time Payment Fee:** The court shall collect a fee of \$25 from a person who has been convicted and ordered to pay a fine, court costs or restitution and seeks to pay the fine, court costs or restitution over a period of time. Fee due on or after the 31st day after the date on which the judgment is entered. One-half (\$12.50) sent to the state. One-tenth (\$2.50) retained locally for judicial efficiency. Four-tenths (\$10.00) retained locally with no restrictions. (Section 51.921, Government Code)
- **Municipal Court Building Security Fee:** \$3.00 on every conviction if governing body has passed required ordinance establishing building security fund. Article 102.017, Code of Criminal Procedure. (Article 102.017, C.C.P.)
- **Municipal Court Technology Fund:** Up to \$4.00 on every conviction if governing body has passed required ordinance establishing the municipal court technology fund. Fund expires September 1, 2005 (Article 102.0712, C.C.P.)
- **Traffic Law Failure to Appear:** \$30.00 for failure to appear for violation of any fine-only offense if city has contracted with the Department of Public Safety to provide information necessary for the department to deny renewal of driver's licenses. Two-thirds (\$20.00) sent to the state. One-third (\$10.00) retained locally. (Chapter 706, T.C.)
- **Special Expense:** Not to exceed \$25.00; collected when warrant for *failure to appear* or *violate promise to appear* served. City ordinance required to authorize collection. (Article 45.203, C.C.P.)
- **Jury Fee:** \$3.00 fee collected upon conviction when case tried before a jury. \$3.00 fee collected upon conviction if defendant had requested a jury trial and then withdrew the request not earlier than 24 hours before the time of trial; fee to be paid even if case is deferred. (Article 102.004, C.C.P.)

Name of Cost/Fee	Legal Reference	Abbreviation
Judicial and Court Personnel Training	Government Code section 56.001	JCPT
Fugitive Apprehension	Code of Criminal Procedure article 102.019	FA
Compensation to Victims of Crime	Code of Criminal Procedure article 56.55	CVC
Consolidate Court Costs	Code of Criminal Procedure article 102.075	CCC
Juvenile Crime and Delinquency	Code of Criminal Procedure article 102.075(m)	JCD
Traffic	Transportation Code section 542.403	TFC
Child Safety	Code of Criminal Procedure article 102.014	CS