



COURT COSTS

Texas Municipal Courts Education Center

For conviction of offenses committed on or after January 1, 2024 (unless otherwise noted)

OFFENSE/DESCRIPTION	Consolidated Fees		State Fines			Total
	State	Local	STF	LTF	CSF	
Municipal Ordinance						
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
State Law						
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—Chapter 682, Transportation Code and Article 102.014 of the Code of Criminal Procedure:**

- \$2-\$5 court cost for cities with population greater than 1.3 million that have adopted appropriate ordinance, regulation, or order (mandatory).
- Up to \$5 court cost for cities with population less than 1.3 million 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	State	Consolidated Fee	Section 133.102, Local Government Code	All but parking and pedestrian offenses	90% State, 10% City If timely remitted on quarterly report
	Local	Local Consolidated Fee	Section 134.103, Local Government Code	Nonjailable misdemeanor offenses, including criminal violation of a municipal ordinance	100% City - Must be allocated into one of four specific funds based on percentages in Section 134.103(b), Local Government Code (see separate chart below) - The money allocated may only be used for the purposes indicated in the individual fund and no other purpose
State Fines	STF	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
	LTF	Local Traffic Fine	Section 542.403, Transportation Code	Rules of the Road offenses (Chapters 541-600, Transportation Code)	100% City
	CSF	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 - Must be deposited in municipal child safety trust fund in municipalities with population greater than 1.3 million - For others, shall first fund school crossing guard program with excess expended for programs designed to enhance public safety and security, including youth diversion

LOCAL CONSOLIDATED FEE ALLOCATION

The Local Consolidated Fee is a \$14 cost collected on all non-jailable 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	Municipal Court Building Security Fund	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
	Local Youth Diversion Fund	Section 134.156, Local Government Code	35.7143%	5.00	May be used to finance the salary, benefits, training, travel expenses, office supplies, and other necessary expenses relating to the position of juvenile case manager and juvenile case manager services. If there is no juvenile case manager, may be used for the support of a local mental health authority, juvenile alcohol and substance abuse programs, and any other project designed to prevent or reduce the number of juvenile referrals to the court. Money in the fund may not be used to supplement the income of an employee whose primary role is not that of a juvenile case manager
	Municipal Court Technology Fund	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
	Municipal Jury Fund	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	Failure to Appear/Violate Promise to Appear Fine	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 - City must have an ordinance of the collection of the fine after due notice - Formerly known as the “Warrant Special Expense Fee” prior to January 2020. Is now assessed on the offense, not on a warrant.
	Jury Impaneling Reimbursement Fee	Actual Costs incurred for impaneling	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	OmniBase Reimbursement Fee	\$10	Sections 706.006, 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 - City must have contracted with the Department of Public Safety - Fee retained by city, out of which OmniBase is paid
	Scofflaw Reimbursement Fee	\$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 City must have contracted with the Department of Motor Vehicles or County Assessor-Collector
	Third Party Collections	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	Time Payment Reimbursement Fee	\$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 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

Graffiti	Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Graffiti Eradication Fine (Offenses committed on or after 1/1/2025)	\$50	Article 102.0171, Code of Criminal Procedure	A person convicted in a municipal court of an offense under Section 28.08(b)(1), Penal Code committed on or after January 1, 2025.	100% City. May only be used to: repair damage caused by offenses under Section 28.08; provide educational and intervention programs and materials; provide public rewards for aiding in apprehension and prosecution of offenses under Section 28.08; provide funding for teen recognition and recreation programs; provide funding for local teen court programs; provide funding for local juvenile probation department; provide educational and intervention programs designed to prevent delinquent conduct; provide funding for youth diversion under Subchapter E, Chapter 45
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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 (Section 31.127(f) Parks and Wildlife Code)
- Up to \$20 - Expired Registration (Section 502.407, Transportation Code)
- Up to \$10 - Fail to Display Registration (Section 502.473, Transportation Code)
- Up to \$10 - Wrong, Altered, or Obscured Registration (Section 502.475, Transportation Code)
- Up to \$10 - Fail to Display Two Plates (Section 504.943, Transportation Code)
- Up to \$10 - Wrong, Altered, Covered, or Obscured Plate (Section 504.945, Transportation Code)
- Up to \$20 - Expired Driver's License (Section 521.026 Transportation Code)
- Up to \$20 - Fail to Change Address or Name (Section 521.054, Transportation Code)
- Up to \$20 - Violation of Driver's License Restriction (Section 521.221, Transportation Code)
- Up to \$10 - Operating Unsafe Vehicle (Section 547.004, Transportation Code)
- Up to \$20 - Operating Vehicle Without Complying with Inspection Requirements as Certified (Section 548.605, Transportation Code)
- Up to \$20 - Display Expired Disabled Placard (Section 681.013, Transportation Code)