

# NOTICE

CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL

**Effective JANUARY 1, 2026**  
(Per Public Chapter 486)

**FILING FEE INCREASE**

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Rutherford County, Tennessee**

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**Circuit Court Civil - Civil Actions**

TITLE	Clerk	Sheriff	Lit Tax	Total
<b>Category 1 Lawsuit:</b> Contracts, injunctions, torts, personal injury, property damage, malpractice, health care liability, wrongful death, employment and other discrimination, civil rights suits, tax disputes, special remedies, property disputes and cases not otherwise specified.	<b>\$275.00</b>	<b>\$52.00</b>	<b>\$164.50</b>	<b>\$491.50</b>
<b>Category 2 Lawsuit:</b> Appeals to circuit from general sessions, probate, city courts or administrative agencies; transfers from foreign jurisdictions or enforcement of foreign judgments; writs of mandamus; quo warranto or writs of certiorari; condemnation / inverse condemnations.	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$52.00</b>	<b>\$164.50</b>	<b>\$416.50</b>
<b>Category 2.1 Lawsuit:</b> Restoration of Citizenship and Delayed or Corrected Birth Certificates.	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$52.00</b>	<b>\$164.50</b>	<b>\$366.50</b>
<b>Category 3 Lawsuit:</b> Adoptions, Legitimations, Paternity, Name Change, Minor Settlements, Emergency Custody, Request for Removal from Custody, Contempts, Modification of Parenting Plan and other Domestic Relations judicial proceedings not otherwise designated.	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$52.00</b>	<b>\$164.50</b>	<b>\$316.50</b>
<b>Category 4 Lawsuit:</b> Child Support Enforcement or modifications (including Interstate Support Actions)	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$52.00</b>		<b>\$127.00</b>

**Domestic Relations Actions:**

TITLE	Clerk	Sheriff	Lit Tax	Total
<b>Divorce – No Children:</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>	<b>\$52.00</b>	<b>\$164.50</b>	<b>\$391.50</b>
<b>Divorce with Minor Children:</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$52.00</b>	<b>\$164.50</b>	<b>\$466.50</b>
<b>Petitions</b> (on existing cases for contempt and modification)	<b>75.00</b>	<b>52.00</b>		<b>\$127.00</b>

**Other Miscellaneous Charges and Fees**

	Cost
<b>Sheriff (service of Process Fee)</b>	<b>\$52.00</b>
<b>Secretary of State (includes Clerk's seal)</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Installment Payment Plan:</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Judicial Hospitalization:</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Prepare and File each Clerk's Report:</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

<b>Prepare Public Notice to be Published:</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Reopen Case:</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>Subpoena: Private Service</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Subpoena: Sheriff Service</b>	<b>\$62.00</b>
<b>Transfer Ownership per Court Order:</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Transfer to Circuit</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Continuance Fee:</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Data Processing Fee</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>DHS Filing</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Certified Copy</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Copy(ies) or Additional Pages</b>	<b>.50 Per Page</b>

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**General Sessions Civil - Civil Actions (Service of Process Fees NOT Included)**

New Filing	Clerk	Sheriff	Lit Tax	Total
<b>Civil Warrant</b>	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$166.50	<b>\$268.50</b>
Each Additional Person	-	\$52.00	-	<b>\$52.00</b>
<b>Detainer Warrant</b>	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$166.50	<b>\$268.50</b>
Each Additional Person	-	\$52.00	-	<b>\$52.00</b>
Immediate Possession	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$166.50	<b>\$268.50</b>
<b>Sue and Attach</b>	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$166.50	<b>\$268.50</b>
Each Additional Person	-	\$52.00	-	<b>\$52.00</b>
<b>Warrant Recover</b>	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$166.50	<b>\$268.50</b>
Each Additional Person	-	\$52.00	-	<b>\$52.00</b>

Pre-Judgment Documents	Clerk	Sheriff	Lit Tax	Total
<b>Affidavit or Exhibit</b>	-	-	-	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Alias / Pluries</b>	-	\$52.00	-	<b>\$52.00</b>
<b>Amended Warrant</b>	-	\$52.00	-	<b>\$52.00</b>
Each additional Defendant	-	\$52.00	-	<b>\$52.00</b>
<b>Ancillary or Judicial Attachment</b>	-	\$52.00	-	<b>\$52.00</b>
<b>Answer/Sworn Denial</b>	-	-	-	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Body Attachment</b>	-	\$42.00	-	<b>\$42.00</b>
Alias	-	\$42.00	-	<b>\$42.00</b>
<b>Counterclaim</b>	\$50.00	\$52.00	-	<b>\$102.00</b>
<b>Interrogatories, Request, Notice</b>	-	-	-	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Motion</b>	-	-	-	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Order</b>	-	-	-	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Show Cause Order</b>	-	\$52.00	-	<b>\$52.00</b>
Alias	-	\$52.00	-	<b>\$52.00</b>
<b>Subpoena (Sheriff service)</b>	\$10.00	\$52.00	-	<b>\$62.00</b>
<b>Subpoena (Private service)</b>	\$10.00	-	-	<b>\$10.00</b>

<b>Post-Judgment Documents</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>Sheriff</b>	<b>Lit Tax</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Abstract of Judgment</b>	\$5.00	-	-	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Affidavit or Exhibit</b>	\$25.00	-	-	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Body Attachment</b>	\$25.00	\$42.00	-	<b>\$67.00</b>
Alias Body Attachment	\$25.00	\$42.00	-	<b>\$67.00</b>
<b>Certified Copy</b>	\$5.00	-	-	<b>\$5.00</b>
Plus .50 Per Page	.50	-	-	<b>.50</b>
<b>Congressional Certificate</b>	\$5.00	-	-	<b>\$5.00</b>
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<b>Claim of Exemption</b>	\$25.00	-	-	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Execution (paper-filed with Clerk)</b>	\$25.00	-	-	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Interrogatories, Request, Notice</b>	\$25.00	-	-	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Motion (Slow Pay or other)</b>	\$25.00	-	-	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Order</b>	\$25.00	-	-	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Show Cause Order</b>	\$25.00	\$52.00	-	<b>\$77.00</b>
Alias	\$25.00	\$52.00	-	<b>\$77.00</b>
<b>Scire Facias on Garnishee</b>	\$25.00	\$52.00	-	<b>\$77.00</b>
<b>Scire Facias to Renew Judgment</b>	\$25.00	\$52.00	-	<b>\$77.00</b>
<b>Subpoena (Sheriff Service)</b>	\$10.00	\$52.00	-	<b>\$62.00</b>
<b>Subpoena (Private Service)</b>	\$10.00	-	-	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Writ of Possession</b>	\$25.00	\$52.00	-	<b>\$77.00</b>
<b>Writ of Restitution</b>	\$25.00	\$52.00	-	<b>\$77.00</b>