

**\*\*INCREASED FEE ADJUSTMENT\*\***

**To: Franklin County Prothonotary 's Office Customers & Attorneys**

**Date: November 2, 2023**

*We have received notification that the temporary surcharge portion (\$21.25) of the Judicial Computer Project fee (JCP/ATJ/CJEA/OAG) was reauthorized by the Governor . This means that beginning on November 6, 2023, instead of a JCP fee of \$19.00, the JCP fee is going to be back to the \$40.25 (An increase of \$21.25).*

*We are aware that this will cause many of you to have to recalculate your recording fees so that correct fees are collected and sent with recordings. Please know that we will have no choice but to reject recordings that do not have the correct recording fees which will be calculated with the \$21.25 JCS fee.*

**\*JCP Documents that this will effect:**

**\*Family Filings-**

- **Complaint for Divorce & Additional Counts in Divorce**
- **Complaint for Custody**
- **Protection From Abuse**

**\*Civil Filings-**

- **Civil & Equity Complaint, etc.**
- **Writ of Summons**
- **District Justice Appeal**

**\* Petitions for-**

- **Assessment, Name Changes, Driver's License, Appeal from Board of View, Foreign Subpoena, Eminent Domain, Condemnation, Declaration of Taking, Petition for Ballot Box and any other Petitions**

*Should you have any questions about the expiration of the surcharge or questions about when to expect the reauthorization of the surcharge, **please contact the Governor's Office directly at (717)787-2500.***

*It is our hope that we will receive prompt notification about any surcharge reauthorization once it is determined so that we may notify our customers with the information in a timely fashion.*

**\*Attached are the fee schedules effective November 6, 2023**

**\*\*EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 6, 2023\*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*PROTHONOTARY'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2023\*\***

**\*FAMILY RELATIONS:**

DIVORCE COMPLAINT----- \$ 167.50  
ADDITIONAL COUNTS IN DIVORCE ----- 55.25 EACH  
MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF MASTER----- 350.00

CUSTODY----- 114.75  
CONCILIATION FEE ----- 250.00

PROTECTION FROM ABUSE PETITION----- 104.75  
INDIRECT CRIMINAL CONTEMPT ----- 20.00  
ADDITIONAL HEARING ----- 100.00

**\*CIVIL DIVISION:**

CIVIL & EQUITY COMPLAINT ETC-----\$ 115.00  
WRIT OF SUMMONS----- 115.00  
DISTRICT JUSTICE APPEAL----- 115.00  
STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS ----- 78.00

SUPERIOR OR COMMONWEALTH COURT APPEAL---see below:

\*( \$47.00 filing fee & \$42.00 for Postage to Franklin County Prothonotary=\$89.00)

\*(Check for \$90.25 to Higher Court, this fee is separate and is sent to higher court with Notice to Appeal)

WRIT OF EXECUTION----- 22.00  
WRIT OF SCIRE FACIAS ----- 22.00  
WRIT OF POSSESSION ----- 22.00  
WRIT OF REVIVAL ----- 22.00  
WRIT OF REVIVAL (Amicable) ----- 15.00  
WRIT OF CERTIORARI ----- 22.00  
(IF FILED WITH LAND USE APPEAL THE FEE IS \$115.00)  
WRIT OF ATTACHMENT/WAGE GARNISHEE ----- 22.00

ARBITRATION PRAECIPE----- 22.00  
ARBITRATION AWARD APPEAL AMOUNT OF ARBITRATORS FEES  
ARBITRATION LIMIT-----under 50,000.00  
APPEAL ARBITRATION DECISION- TOTAL AMOUNT OF BILL OF COSTS

DEFAULT/PRAECIPE JUDGMENT----- 15.00  
JUDGMENT OF NON PROS----- 15.00  
LIS PENDENS ----- 15.00  
DISTRICT JUSTICE JUDGMENT ----- 29.00  
FOREIGN JUDGMENT ----- 29.00  
FEDERAL/STATE TAX LIEN ----- 29.00  
MUNICIPAL TAX LIEN/CLAIM ----- 29.00  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE----- 29.00

**\*PETITION FOR ASSESSEMENT, NAME CHANGE, DRIVERS LICENSE OR**

\*\*APPEAL FROM BOARD OF VIEW -----\$ 115.00

\*\*FOREIGN SUBPOENA ----- \$ 115.00

\*\*ANY OTHER PETITIONS----- \$ 115.00

\*\*LAND USE APPEAL MUST INCLUDE WRIT OF CERTIORARI---\$ 115.00 PLUS  
\$22.00 FOR THE WRIT OF CERTIORARI

\*\*EMINENT DOMAIN/CONDEMNATION/DECLARATION OF TAKING---\$ 115.00

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY-----\$ 10.00  
SURETY BOND----- \$ 10.00  
ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS---\$ 10.00

PETITION BALLOT BOX----- 115.00  
FEE TO OPEN BALLOT BOX EACH----- 52.00

MECHANICS LIEN WAIVER ----- \$ 22.00  
MECHANICS LIEN CLAIM----- \$ 29.00

JUDGMENT/LIS PENDENS SATISFACTION ----- \$ 10.00

CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT ----- \$ 6.00

SUBORDINATION OF LIEN----- \$ 10.00  
VOLUNTARY SUBSTITUTION/ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGMENT  
(ADDING A PLAINTIFF)

RELEASE OF LIEN ----- \$ 10.00

PHOTOCOPIES----- \$ 0.50

PRAECIPE TO REINSTATE/REISSUE----- \$ 10.00

SATISFACTION/DISCONTINUE/SETTLE----- \$ 10.00

POWER OF ATTORNEY----- \$ 10.00

REVOCATION OF ATTORNEY----- \$ 10.00

EXEMPLIFIED RECORD (Triple Seal)----- \$ 22.00

CERTIFICATION----- \$ 5.00

SUBPOENAS----- \$ 5.00 EACH

**\*NOTARY**

SIGNATURE REGISTRATION----- \$ 5.00

ACKNOWLEDGMENT----- \$ 5.00

APOSTILLE----- \$ 5.00

**\*DIVORCE DECREE (CertifiedGold Seal)**----- \$ 10.00

**\*DIVORCE DECREE (Regular Certified Court Seal)**----- \$ 5.00

**\*RESUME MAIDEN NAME**----- \$ 10.00

**NOTE:**

UPON FILING OF ANY ORDER, MOTION, PETITION, OR RULE FOR DISPOSITION BY THE COURT, THE **FILING ATTORNEY** SHALL PROVIDE THE PROTHONOTARY WITH COPIES OF THE DOCUMENT AND A **SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE**. THE PROTHONOTARY SHALL CONFORM THE COPIES AND SEND THEM BACK TO THE FILING ATTORNEY.

THE PROTHONOTARY IS NOT REQUIRED TO DOCKET ANY SUIT, ACTION, OR ORDER OF COURT OR PERFORM ANY SERVICES UNTIL THE REQUISITE FEES HAVE BEEN PAID. THE FEES SET IN THIS SCHEDULE BEAR A REASONABLE RELATIONSHIP TO THE COST OF OPERATING THE PROTHONOTARY'S OFFICE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL CHANGED BY THE PROMULGATION OF A NEW FEE SCHEDULE.

OUR OFFICE IS UNABLE TO REFUND ANY FEES UPON PAYMENT OR RECEIPT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FEE OF A FILING, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE.

**\*\*Fee scheduled changed per AOPC Finance dated October 13, 2022**

**\*\*Fee schedule changed per Order Dated May 9, 2022  
Franklin County No. 2022-1523, in compliance with Act 164 of 1998,  
Amending Act 203 of 1982. Effective date July 1, 2022.**

**\*\*Fee schedule change effective August 1, 2023 for the Temporary Surcharge  
portion of the Judicial Computer Project Fee**

**\*\*Fee Schedule change effective November 6, 2023 for the Reauthorization of the  
Temporary Surcharge portion of the Judicial Computer Project Fee**

**TIMOTHY S. SPONSELLER PROTHONOTARY**

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39<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Pennsylvania  
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**PROTHONOTARYS FEE SCHEDULE  
2023**

Effective: November 6, 2023