

# ARANSAS COUNTY CLERK

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**NEW FEES ADDED FROM 84TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION ARE HIGHLIGHTED - INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016**

## PROBATE FEES

### ORIGINAL FILING, MUNIMENT OF TITLE, LETTERS TESTAMENTARY, ADMINISTRATION

Probate Fee Original Action	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)(A)(i)	\$40.00
Records Management	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(G)	\$5.00
Court Record Preservation	Texas Government Code § 51.708	\$10.00
Courthouse Security Fee	Local Government Code § 291.008(d)	\$5.00
County Clerk Contingency Fund	Local Government Code § 82.003	\$5.00
Records Archive Fee	Local Government Code § 118.025	\$5.00
Law Library	Local Government Code § 323.023(a)	\$25.00
Judicial Fee	Texas Government Code § 51.703(a)	\$40.00
Civil Legal Services for Indigents	Local Government Code § 133.153(a)	\$10.00
Sheriff's Fee - Posting/Publication	Local Government Code § 118.131	\$60.00
Judicial Education Fund	Local Government Code § 118.064(a)(b)(1)	\$5.00
Support for Judiciary	Local Government Code § 133.154(a)	\$42.00
Appellate Judicial System Fee	Texas Government Code § 22.2061	\$5.00
Supplemental Court-Initiated Guardianship Fee	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)( E )	\$20.00
County Judge Signature Fee	Local Government Code § 118.101(2)	\$2.00
<b>State Electronic Fee Fund</b>	<b>Texas Government Code § 51.851(b) HB 1139</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Court Reporter Fee	Texas Government Code § 51.601(c)	\$15.00
Issuance of Citation & One Copy	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(A)	\$4.00

**TOTAL \$328.00**

### LETTERS TESTAMENTARY, GUARDIANSHIP OR ADMINISTRATION

**\$2.00 each**

### GUARDIANSHIP

Probate Fee Original Action	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)(A)(i)	\$40.00
Records Management	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(G)	\$5.00
Court Record Preservation	Texas Government Code § 51.708	\$10.00
Courthouse Security Fee	Local Government Code § 291.008(d)	\$5.00
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Judicial Education Fund	Local Government Code § 118.064(a)(b)(1)	\$5.00
Support for Judiciary	Local Government Code § 133.154(a)	\$42.00
Appellate Judicial System Fee	Texas Government Code § 22.2061	\$5.00

Supplemental Court-Initiated Guardianship Fee	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)( E)	\$20.00
County Judge (Approval of Temp Guard & Bond)	Local Government Code § 118.101(2, 11)	\$4.00
<b>State Electronic Fee Fund</b>	<b>Texas Government Code § 51.851(b) HB 1139</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Court Reporter Fee	Texas Government Code § 51.601(c)	\$15.00
Administering Oath	Local Government Code § 118.021	\$2.00
Approving & Recording Bond	Local Government Code § 118.016	\$3.00
Citation - Personal Service of Ward	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(A)	\$4.00
Sheriff - Personal Service of Ward	Local Government Code § 118.131	\$125.00
Issuance of Citation & One Copy - Posting	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(A)	\$4.00
Sheriff's Fee - Posting	Local Government Code § 118.131	\$60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$464.00</b>

### TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP (NO POSTING OF CITATION REQUIRED)

Probate Fee Original Action	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)(A)(i)	\$40.00
Records Management	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(G)	\$5.00
Court Record Preservation	Texas Government Code § 51.708	\$10.00
Courthouse Security Fee	Local Government Code § 291.008(d)	\$5.00
County Clerk Contingency Fund	Local Government Code § 82.003	\$5.00
Records Archive Fee	Local Government Code § 118.025	\$5.00
Law Library	Local Government Code § 323.023(a)	\$25.00
Judicial Fee	Texas Government Code § 51.703(a)	\$40.00
Civil Legal Services for Indigents	Local Government Code § 133.153(a)	\$10.00
Judicial Education Fund	Local Government Code § 118.064(a)(b)(1)	\$5.00
Support for Judiciary	Local Government Code § 133.154(a)	\$42.00
Appellate Judicial System Fee	Texas Government Code § 22.2061	\$5.00
Supplemental Court-Initiated Guardianship Fee	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)( E)	\$20.00
County Judge (Approval of Temp Guard & Bond)	Local Government Code § 118.101(2, 11)	\$4.00
<b>State Electronic Fee Fund</b>	<b>Texas Government Code § 51.851(b) HB 1139</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Court Reporter Fee	Texas Government Code § 51.601(c)	\$15.00
Citation - Personal Service of Ward	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(A)	\$4.00
Sheriff - Personal Service of Ward	Local Government Code § 118.131	\$125.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$395.00</b>

### OPEN SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX

County Clerk	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)(A)(i)	\$40.00
Records Management	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(G)	\$5.00
Court Record Preservation	Texas Government Code § 51.708	\$10.00
Courthouse Security Fee	Local Government Code § 291.008(d)	\$5.00
County Clerk Contingency Fund	Local Government Code § 82.003	\$5.00
Records Archive Fee	Local Government Code § 118.025	\$5.00
Law Library	Local Government Code § 323.023(a)	\$25.00
Judicial Fee	Texas Government Code § 51.703(a)	\$40.00
Civil Legal Services for Indigents	Local Government Code § 133.153(a)	\$10.00
Judicial Education Fund	Local Government Code § 118.064(a)(b)(1)	\$5.00
Support for Judiciary	Local Government Code § 133.154(a)	\$42.00

Appellate Judicial System Fee	Texas Government Code § 22.2061	\$5.00
Supplemental Court-Initiated Guardianship Fee	Local Government Code § 118.052(2) ( E )	\$20.00
County Judge Signature Fee	Local Government Code § 118.101(11)	\$2.00
State Electronic Fee Fund	Texas Government Code § 51.851(b) HB 1139	\$30.00
Court Reporter Fee	Texas Government Code § 51.601©	\$15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$264.00</b>

### FILING FOR PROBATE AFTER OPENING SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX

Sheriff's Fee - Posting/Publication	Local Government Code § 118.131	\$60.00
Issuance of Citation & One Copy	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(A)	\$4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$64.00</b>

### ADVERSE ACTION (CROSS ACTION; INTERPLEADER; PLEAS OF PRIVILEGE OR MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL IN A GUARDIANSHIP

Adverse Probate Action	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)( C )	\$40.00
Records Archive Fee	Local Government Code § 118.025	\$5.00
Civil Legal Services for Indigents	Local Government Code § 133.153(a)	\$10.00
Courthouse Security Fee	Local Government Code § 291.008(d)	\$5.00
State Electronic Fee Fund	Texas Government Code § 51.851(b) HB 1139	\$30.00
Supplemental Court-Initiated Guardianship Fee	Local Government Code § 118.052(2) ( E )	\$20.00
County Judge Signature Fee	Local Government Code § 118.101(11)	\$2.00
Records Management	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(G)	\$5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$117.00</b>

### INVENTORY, APPRAISEMENT & LIST OF CLAIMS

This fee applies only if inventory is filed after the 90th day after the date the personal representative has qualified to serve or , if the court grants an extension under Estates Code §309.051 after the date of the extended deadline specified by the court

**\*\*Affidavit in lieu of inventory must be filed within the 90 day period, unless an extension is granted - Estates Code §309.056(b)**

Filing Fee	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)(B)(i)	\$25.00
Judge's Signature Fee	Local Government Code § 118.101(11)	\$2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$27.00</b>

### •ANNUAL OR FINAL ACCOUNT OF PROBATE/GUARDIANSHIP (Must be notarized)

Filing Fee	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)(B)(iv)	\$25.00
Judge's Signature Fee	Local Government Code § 118.101(11)	\$2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$27.00</b>

### FILING APPLICATION FOR SALE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

Filing Fee	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)(B)(v)	\$25.00
Judge's Signature Fee	Local Government Code § 118.101(11)	\$2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$27.00</b>

**ANNUAL/FINAL REPORT FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF "PERSON" (Must be notarized), AFTER ORDER APPROVING INVENTORY & APPRAISEMENT OR AFTER 120TH DAY AFTER INITIAL FILING OF THE ACTION, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST**

Filing Fee	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)(B)(vi)	\$10.00
Judge's Signature Fee	Local Government Code § 118.101(11)	\$2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$12.00</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS FILINGS**

**FILING A DOCUMENT AFTER THE FILING OF AN ORDER APPROVING THE INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT OR AFTER THE 120TH DAY AFTER THE DATE OF THE INITIAL FILING OF THE ACTION, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST (IF MORE THAN 25 PAGES)**

Filing Fee	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)(B)(vii)	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$25.00</b>
Judge's Signature Fee, If Applicable	Local Government Code § 118.101(11)	\$2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$27.00</b>

**CLAIM**

Fee Change (Effective 1/1/2016)	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)(D)	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$10.00</b>

**JURY FEE**

Fee Change (Effective 1/1/2016)	Texas Government Code 51.604	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$40.00</b>

**ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT IN A PROBATE**

Clerk's Fee	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)	\$2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2.00</b>

**CRIMINAL HISTORY SEARCH ON APPLICANT IN A GUARDIANSHIP**

Clerk's Fee	Estates Code §1104.402	\$10.00
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**EXEMPT FROM PROBATE FEES - DECEDANT WAS ACTIVE MILITARY & DIED**

	Estates Code § 53.053	\$0.00
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**EXEMPT FROM PROBATE FEES - DECEDANT WAS LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTER, ETC. DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN A COMBAT ZONE**

	Estates Code § 53.054	\$0.00
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**EXEMPT FROM PAYING COPY FEES IN A GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDING - ACTIVE MILITARY  
BEING DEPLOYED TO A HOSTILE FIRE ZONE**

Texas Government Code § 437.217

**\$0.00**

**!!!!Need Letter Issued by the Commander of the Service Members Unit!!!!**

SECTION 437.217 - EXEMPTION FROM FEES FOR DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

(a) A member of the National Guard on federal active duty, or a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty, who is preparing to be deployed to serve in a hostile fire zone as designated by the United States secretary of defense is exempt from paying the following state or local governmental fees, the member incurs because of the deployment, in order to arrange the member's personal affairs:

- (1) fees for obtaining copies of:
  - (A) a birth certificate;
  - (B) a recorded marriage license;
  - (C) a divorce decree;
  - (D) a child support order;
  - (E) guardianship documents; and
  - (F) property tax records;
- (2) fees for issuing a marriage license or duplicate marriage license; and
- (3) fees for transferring title to real or personal property.

(b) The governmental entity responsible for collection a fee described by Subsection (a) may rely on a letter issued by the commander of the service member's unit for purposes of providing an exemption under Subsection (a).

**FOREIGN WILL**

County Clerk	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)(A)(i)	\$40.00
Records Management	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(G)	\$5.00
Court Record Preservation	Texas Government Code § 51.708	\$10.00
Courthouse Security Fee	Local Government Code § 291.008(d)	\$5.00
County Clerk Contingency Fund	Local Government Code § 82.003	\$5.00
Records Archive Fee	Local Government Code § 118.025	\$5.00
Law Library	Local Government Code § 323.023(a)	\$25.00
Judicial Fee	Texas Government Code § 51.703(a)	\$40.00
Civil Legal Services for Indigents	Local Government Code § 133.153(a)	\$10.00
Judicial Education Fund	Local Government Code § 118.064(a)(b)(1)	\$5.00
Support for Judiciary	Local Government Code § 133.154(a)	\$42.00
Appellate Judicial System Fee	Texas Government Code § 22.2061	\$5.00
Supplemental Court-Initiated Guardianship Fee	Local Government Code § 118.052(2) ( E )	\$20.00
State Electronic Fee Fund	Texas Government Code § 51.851(b) HB 1139	\$30.00
Court Reporter Fee	Texas Government Code § 51.601©	\$15.00

**TOTAL \$262.00**

**APPLICATION TO SELL A MINOR'S INTEREST WITHOUT GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDING****ESTATES CODE 1351.001 - COURT'S DISCRETION OF CITATION POSTING IS NEEDED - THEN****YOU WOULD ADD THE \$64.00 FEES FOR THIS PROCESS & FILE THE AFFIDAVIT IN SMALL****ESTATE RECORDS AFTER APPROVAL BY JUDGE**

County Clerk	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)(A)(iii)	\$40.00
Records Management	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(G)	\$5.00
Court Record Preservation	Texas Government Code § 51.708	\$10.00
Courthouse Security Fee	Local Government Code § 291.008(d)	\$5.00
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County Judge Signature Fee	Local Government Code § 118.101(3,4,5)	\$2.00
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Court Reporter Fee	Texas Government Code § 51.601©	\$15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$264.00</b>

**HEIRSHIP DETERMINATION IF NO EXISTING PROBATE (NEW CASE FEES)**

Probate Fee Original Action	Local Government Code § 118.052(2)(A)(iv)	\$40.00
Records Management	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(G)	\$5.00
Court Record Preservation	Texas Government Code § 51.708	\$10.00
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Citation - Publication	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(A)	\$4.00
Sheriff's Fee - Posting	Local Government Code § 118.131	\$60.00
Sheriff's Fee - Publication	Local Government Code § 118.131	\$125.00
Judicial Education Fund	Local Government Code § 118.064(a)(b)(1)	\$5.00
Support for Judiciary	Local Government Code § 133.154(a)	\$42.00
Appellate Judicial System Fee	Texas Government Code § 22.2061	\$5.00
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Court Reporter Fee	Texas Government Code § 51.601(c)	\$15.00
Issuance of Citation & One Copy	Local Government Code § 118.052(3)(A)	\$4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$461.00</b>

**MENTAL ILLNESS FILINGS**

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