

**ST. JOSEPH COUNTY FILING FEES**

*Effective July 1, 2017*

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**\*\*\*CORRECTION TO SMALL CLAIMS FILING FEE; PATERNITY FEE & Post-Judgment Service fee**

**Fee changes effective July 1, 2017:** Automated Record Keeping Fee raised \$1.00; Sheriff Service of Process Fee increased \$3.00; Mortgage Foreclosure Fee ended June 30, 2017

All Civil Cases (Circuit and Superior Courts) (PL, CC, CT, MF, and MI) (Except Dissolution Cases)	\$157.00 initial fee, plus \$10.00 per defendant after the first ( <b>Unless case is e-filed</b> ) ** Pre-judgment service fee of Summons by Sheriff* \$28.00
Dissolution Cases (DR)	\$177.00 initial fee, (includes \$20.00 Alternative Dispute Fee) plus \$28.00 fee for Pre-judgment service of Summons by Sheriff*
Criminal Cases (CM, F1, F2, etc.)	\$185.00 initial fee, plus \$0.50 Highway Work Zone fee for traffic charges
Probate Cases (ES, EU, TR, and GU)	\$177.00 initial fee, plus \$28.00 fee for Pre-judgment service of Summons by Sheriff*
Adoption Cases (AD)	\$157.00 initial fee, plus \$28.00 fee for Pre-judgment service of Summons by Sheriff*
<b>Paternity Cases</b>	<b>\$196.00 initial fee</b> , plus \$28.00 fee for Pre-judgment service of Summons by Sheriff*
<b>Small Claims</b>	<b>\$87.00 initial fee if case is e-filed (Mandatory on July 28, 2017) Pre-judgment service fee of Summons by Sheriff** \$28.00</b> <b>OR</b> <b>\$97.00 plus \$10.00 per defendant after the first (If case is paper/counter filing). Pre-judgment service fee of Summons by Sheriff** \$28.00</b>
Infraction and Ordinance Cases	\$135.00 initial fee, plus fines

\*IC 33-37-5-15 (effective July 1, 2017) amended to increase the Sheriff's Pre-judgment Service of Process Fee to \$28.00. This fee may only be collected one time per case for pre-judgment. It is not per defendant to be served. It is a flat fee of \$28.00 pre-judgment. **Post-judgment fee sheriff's fee also \$28.00.**

\*\*IC 33-37-5-28 (Effective July 1, 2017) eliminated the \$10.00 per additional defendant fee when a county implements electronic filing of cases. However, case filed by paper is still charged this fee until July 18, 2017 when mandatory e-filing begins in St. Joseph County Courts.

*Pursuant to Indiana Codes, the courts retain the right to charge additional fees.*