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An additional summary chart of criminal costs has been attached to this cost chart as "Appendix - Criminal Costs Summary." The appendix summarizes the basic costs common to all dispositions in a particular trial division. It does **not** include additional cost items that must be assessed depending on individual factors for each case (*e.g.*, FTA fees, supervision fees, jail fees, etc.) or for specific offenses of conviction (*e.g.* improper equipment or impaired driving); those costs are assessed separately. Neither does it apply to offenses for which the relevant statute assesses specific costs or prohibits the imposition of costs.

_	IINAL COURT COSTS	
G.S. 7A-3	AMOUNT	
DISTRICT COURT (including criminal cas	,	
General Court of Justice Fee.	General Fund	
G.S. 7A-304(a)(4).	127.05	129.50
	State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA) 2.45	120.00
Facilities Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(2).		12.00
Phone Systems Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(2	a).	4.00
Misdemeanant Confinement Fund Fee.	. G.S. 7A-304(a)(2b).	18.00 ¹
LEO Retirement/Insurance. G.S. 7A-30	04(a)(3) & (3a).	7.50
LEO Training and Certification Fee. G.:	S. 7A-304(a)(3b).	2.00
-	TOTAL	173.00
Chapter 20 Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(4a) (fo	or conviction of any Chapter 20 offense).	+10.00 ²
DNA Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(9) (criminal of	offenses, only; does not apply to infractions).	+2.00
Plus \$5.00 service fee for each arrest of	or service of criminal process, including citations and	
subpoenas. G.S. 7A-304(a)(1).		+5.00
SUPERIOR COURT		
General Court of Justice Fee.	General Fund	
G.S. 7A-304(a)(4).	152.05	
	State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA)	154.50
	2.45	
Facilities Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(2).		30.00
Phone Systems Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(2	a).	4.00
LEO Retirement/Insurance. G.S. 7A-30	04(a)(3) & (3a).	7.50
LEO Training and Certification Fee. G.S	S. 7A-304(a)(3b).	2.00
	Total	198.00 ³
Chapter 20 Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(4a) (fo	or conviction of any Chapter 20 offense).	+10.00
DNA Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(9) (criminal of	offenses, only; does not apply to infractions).	+2.00
Plus \$5.00 service fee for each arrest of subpoenas.	or service of criminal process, including citations and	+5.00

OTHER CRIMINAL FEES	AMOUNT
Appointment of Counsel Fee for Indigent Defendants. G.S. 7A-455.1.	60.00
Civil Revocation Fee (impaired driving CVRs, only). G.S. 20-16.5(j).	100.00
Community Service Fee. G.S. 143B-708.	250.00
Continuous Alcohol Monitoring (CAM) Fee (offenses prior to Dec. 1, 2012). G.S. 20-179.4	Varies ⁵
Continuous Alcohol Monitoring (CAM) Fee (parolees, only). G.S. 15A-1374.6	Varies
Criminal Record Check Fee. G.S. 7A-308(a)(17).	25.00
Dispute Resolution Fee. G.S. 7A-38.3D and G.S. 7A-38.7.	60.00 per mediation
Expunction Fee, petitions under G.S. 15A-145, 15A-145.1, 15A-145.2, 15A-145.3, and	
15A-145.4.	175.00
Expunction Fee, petitions under G.S. 15A-145.5.	175.00
Expunction Fee, petitions under G.S. 15A-146.7	175.00
Failure to Appear Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(6).	200.00
Failure to Comply Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(6).	50.00
House Arrest with Electronic Monitoring (EHA) One-Time Fee.	
G.S. 15A-1343(c2).	90.00
House Arrest with Electronic Monitoring (EHA) Daily Fee. G.S. 15A-1343(c2).	4.37/day
Impaired Driving Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(10).	
Note: Applies only to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2011.	100.00
Improper Equipment Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(4b).8	50.00
Installment Payments Fee. G.S. 7A-304(f).	20.00
Jail Fees (pre-conviction). G.S. 7A-313.	10.00 per 24 hours
	or fraction thereof
Jail Fees (split sentence served in local facility). G.S. 7A-313 and G.S. 148-29.	40.00 per day
Limited Driving Privilege Fee – Petitions under G.S. 20-20.1. At petition/Application:	CVD Costs
If Issued: (G.S. 20-20.2)	+100.00
Limited Driving Privilege Fee – Other than under G.S. 20-20.1. If Issued:	
Note: If there is no underlying conviction in the county, (G.S. 20-20.2)	100.00
charge civil filing fees as explained on form AOC-CV-350.	+100.00
Pretrial Release Service Fee (county). G.S. 7A-304(a)(5).9	15.00
Satellite-Based Monitoring Fee for Sex Offenders. G.S. 14-208.45.	90.00
State Crime Lab Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(7).	600.00
Local Government Lab Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(8).	600.00 600.00
[Dec. 1] Private Hospital Lab Fee. (G.S. 7A-304(a)(8a) [§ 18B.14.(a)] ¹⁰ State Lab Analyst Expert Witness Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(11) ¹¹	
Local Lab Analyst Expert Witness Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(11) ¹²	600.00 600.00
[Dec. 1] Private Hospital Analyst Expert Witness Fee. G.S. 7A-304(a)(13) [§ 18B.14.(a)] ¹³	600.00
Seat Belt Violations (adult, front seat) and Motorcycle/Moped Helmet Violations. 14	25.50 fine +costs
G.S. 20-135.2A and G.S. 20-140.4.	below:
General Court of Justice Fee, G.S. 7A-304(a)(4)	129.50 (Dist.)
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Phone Systems Fee, G.S. 7A-304(a)(2a)	4.00
LEO Training and Certification Fee, G.S. 7A-304(a)(3b)	2.00
TOTAL	161.00 (Dist.)
	186.00 (Sup.)
Seat Belt Violations (adult, rear seat). G.S. 20-135.2A(e).	No Costs
	10.00 fine only
Supervision Fee. G.S. 15A-1343, G.S. 15A-1368.4, and G.S. 15A-1374.	40.00 per month
Worthless Check Program Fee. G.S. 7A-308(c). ¹⁵	60.00



¹¹ The State Lab Analyst Expert Witness fee is assessed <u>in addition to</u> the State Crime Lab fee of G.S. 7A-307(a)(7), but the expert witness fee applies <u>only</u> when the expert witness: (i) is employed by the State Crime Lab; (ii) completed a chemical analysis pursuant to G.S. 20-139.1 or a forensic analysis pursuant to G.S. 8-58.20; and (iii) provided testimony about that analysis in the defendant's trial.



¹ The Misdemeanant Confinement Fund fee applies to crimes and infractions in the District Court <u>only</u>, including dispositions before a magistrate. It is <u>not</u> assessed cumulatively under G.S. 7A-304(b) for conviction after appeal to Superior Court and does <u>not</u> apply to offenses that have specified costs (e.g., front seat belt offenses, G.S. 20-135.2A(e)) or that are exempt from costs altogether (e.g., failure to burn headlights when windshield wipers are on, G.S. 20-129(a)(4)).

² Like the Misdemeanant Confinement Fund fee, the Chapter 20 fee does not apply to offenses with specified costs or exempt from costs.

³ When a person convicted of a felony in Superior Court has made a first appearance in District Court, all Superior Court costs plus the District Court General Court of Justice fee shall be assessed. G.S. 7A-304(a)(4).

⁴ When CAM is imposed as a condition of probation for an impaired driving offense committed prior to December 1, 2012, this fee is paid to the clerk in the county of conviction and remitted to the monitoring vendor; for offenses committed on or after that date, fees for CAM imposed as a condition of probation (for any offense) are paid directly to the monitoring vendor by the defendant (or by the local government entity agreeing to pay them), not to the clerk. G.S. 15A-1343.3(b). The fees listed here apply only to CAM as a condition of probation; there appears to be no authority to assess fees against the defendant for CAM as a condition of pretrial release.

⁵ The exact fee amount will depend on the monitoring vendor. For offenses committed prior to December 1, 2011, the total CAM fees assessable against the defendant as a condition of probation for an impaired driving offense are capped at \$1,000.00. G.S. 20-179(h1). For offenses committed on or after that date, there is no cap. S.L. 2011-191, \$1 (repealing the cap language from G.S. 20-179(h1)).

⁶ Parolees' CAM fees paid pursuant to G.S. 15A-1374(d) are paid to the clerk in the county of conviction. The exact fee amount will depend on the monitoring vendor. The clerk transmits any CAM fees collected from a parolee to the vendor. Note that this provision applies only to parolees; there is no statutory provision for the clerk to receipt CAM fees from an offender on post-release supervision.

⁷ Note that as previously written, G.S. 15A-146 explicitly required payment of the \$175.00 filing fee only for petitions to expunge charges that were dismissed as the result of compliance with a deferred prosecution. Dismissals for other reasons were exempt from the filing fee. Beginning December 1, 2014, G.S. 15A-146 now explicitly refers to dismissals for both deferred prosecutions and conditional discharges. Therefore, beginning December 1, 2014, the fee should be assessed for petitions to expunge charges that resulted in dismissals pursuant to either a deferred prosecution or a conditional discharge.

⁸ For a comprehensive list of improper equipment fees, please see "Appendix – Chapter 20 Improper Equipment Offenses."

⁹ The pretrial release services fee of G.S. 7A-304(a)(5) may be assessed upon conviction and remitted to a county providing pretrial release services, if the defendant was accepted and released to the supervision of a county agency. This fee is separate from and in addition to any fees assessed directly by the county under G.S. 7A-313.1 when the defendant has received pretrial electronic monitoring by a county agency. If the defendant has been accepted and released to the supervision of a county agency that provides pretrial services that include electronic monitoring, the court should assess and receipt only the \$15.00 pretrial services fee upon conviction. Any fees assessed for electronic monitoring under G.S. 7A-313.1 must be paid directly to the county by the defendant.

¹⁰ The new Private Hospital Lab Fee should be assessed beginning December 1, 2014 and not before then. The point of assessment is the date of entry of the judgment of conviction, so the fee should be assessed when the entry of the judgment of conviction occurs on or after December 1, 2014, regardless of when the actual testimony at trial occurred. The fee should be assessed only when the defendant is convicted and the private hospital performed tests as part of an investigation that led to the defendant's conviction, and the tests were of the defendant's bodily fluid to determine the presence of alcohol or controlled substance. The Court also must find that the work performed is "the equivalent of the same kind of work performed by the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory under subdivision (7) of [G.S. 7A-304(a)]."

¹² The Local Lab Analyst Expert Witness fee is assessed <u>in addition to</u> the Local Crime Lab fee of G.S. 7A-307(a)(8), but the expert witness fee applies <u>only</u> when the expert witness: (i) is employed by a crime laboratory operated by a local government or group of local governments; (ii) completed a chemical analysis pursuant to G.S. 20-139.1 or a forensic analysis pursuant to G.S. 8-58.20; and (iii) provided testimony about that analysis in the defendant's trial. ¹³ The new Private Hospital Analyst Expert Witness Fee may be assessed in addition to the Private Hospital Lab Fee of G.S. 15A-304(a)(8a) but the fee applies <u>only</u> when the expert witness provides testimony at the defendant's trial about a chemical analysis conducted pursuant to G.S. 20-139.1.

¹⁴ Note that the bill of costs (AOC-CR-381) does not have a pre-printed entry for the costs applicable to offenses for adult front-seat seat belt violations and motorcycle/moped helmet and occupancy violations. Clerks should assess the three costs identified individually on the bill of costs. These three cost items are the <u>only</u> costs to be assessed for these offenses. <u>Do not</u> assess any of the other costs under G.S. 7A-304(a). However, pursuant to G.S. 7A-304(b), the three costs are cumulative on appeal. *E.g.*, a defendant found responsible for a motorcycle helmet violation in Superior Court after appeal from the District Court would pay a fine of \$25.50 plus \$296.00 in costs: both General Court of Justice fees, plus two assessments (one for District Court and one for Superior Court) of both the Phone Systems Fee and the LEO Training and Certification Fee.

¹⁵ For districts that still operate a worthless check program, the clerk should continue to receipt the worthless check program fee of G.S. 7A-308(c) and remit it to the State. The amount of the fee remains \$60.00. In addition, G.S. 14-107.2 allows a community mediation center to assist the NCAOC and district attorneys by establishing a worthless check program in districts where such programs have not been established and to charge for its services as part of such a program. However, the fees for such services are not set by statute, and are <u>not</u> to be receipted by the clerk. The center must assess its fees directly for users of its services in these cases. Further, the clerk should not assess the criminal mediation fee of G.S. 7A-38.7 when a community mediation center mediates a worthless check matter in the context of a pre-prosecution worthless check program. The clerk may receipt and disburse only the statutory program fee of G.S. 7A-308(c) and restitution to the check taker for the amount of the check plus any service charges and processing fees incurred or charged by the check taker.

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_	IVIL COURT COSTS			
G.S. 7A-				
Civil filing fees are assessed for all complaints and for any subsequent pleading containing				
a counterclaim, crossclaim, or third-			Amount	
	RT. G.S. 7A-305. (except cases under Chap	oter 50B or 50C1)		
General Court of Justice Fee.	General Fund	77.55		
G.S. 7A-305(a)(2).				
	State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA)	2.45	80.00	
Facilities Fee. G.S. 7A-305(a)(1).			12.00	
Phone Systems Fee. G.S. 7A-305(a)(1a).		4.00	
MAGISTRATE TOTAL			96.00	
Plus \$30.00 service fee for each iter G.S. 7A-311(a)(1).	n of civil process served by the sheriff.		+30.00	
	G.S. 7A-305. (except cases under Chapter	50B or 50C ¹⁶)		
General Court of Justice Fee.	General Fund	127.55		
G.S. 7A-305(a)(2).	State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA)	2.45	130.00	
Facilities Fee. G.S. 7A-305(a)(1).				
Phone systems Fee. G.S. 7A-305(a)(1a).				
DISTRICT COURT TOTAL			150.00	
Plus \$30.00 service fee for each iter G.S. 7A-311(a)(1).	n of civil process served by the sheriff.		+30.00	
	Superior Court. G.S. 7A-305.			
General Court of Justice Fee.	General Fund	177.55		
G.S. 7A-305(a)(2).	State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA)	2.45	180.00	
Facilities Fee. G.S. 7A-305(a)(1).	16.00			
Phone systems Fee. G.S. 7A-305(a)(1a).			4.00	
SUPERIOR COURT TOTAL			200.00	
[Oct. 1] Business Court Fee, upon assignment. G.S. 7A-305(a)(2). [S.L 2014-102, § 4]				
Plus \$30.00 service fee for each iter G.S. 7A-311(a)(1).	n of civil process served by the sheriff.		+30.00	

OTHER CIVIL FEES	AMOUNT
Service fee for each item of civil process served by the sheriff. G.S. 7A-311(a)(1).	30.00
Alias & Pluries summons or endorsement on original summons. G.S. 7A-308(a)(21). ²	15.00
Filing for absolute divorce. G.S. 7A-305(a2).	75.00
Motion/Notice of Hearing fee. G.S. 7A-305(f).3	20.00
Resumption of former name (within or subsequent to absolute divorce). G.S. 50-12(e).	10.00

MAGISTRATES SPECIAL FEES (G.S. 7A-309.)	
Performing marriage ceremony. G.S. 7A-309(1).	20.00
Petition for year's allowance. G.S. 7A-309(2).	8.00
Taking a deposition. G.S. 7A-309(3).	10.00
Proof of execution or acknowledgment of instrument. G.S. 7A-309(4).	2.00
Performing any statutory function, not incident to a civil or criminal action. G.S. 7A-309(5).	2.00

¹ No costs may be assessed for the filing, issuance, registration or service of a protective order or a petition for a protective order or witness subpoena under Chapter 50B (Domestic Violence) or 50C (civil no-contact). However:



Civil District court costs are assessed for a petition for a <u>workplace</u> civil no-contact order filed under Article 23 of Chapter 95; and

[■] District Court costs must be assessed for amendments and counterclaims to actions filed under Chapter 50B, unless the subsequent claim also arises under that chapter. *E.g.*, if an amended complaint or counterclaim is filed in an existing 50B action, and the new filing makes a claim for divorce, the party filing the amendment or counterclaim is assessed civil filing fees (including the fee for divorce, if applicable).

² Although codified in G.S. 7A-308 (miscellaneous fees), the fee for alias and pluries summons and endorsements is limited to "civil matters" only, so it does not apply to summons in special proceedings or estates. As amended effective July 1, 2013, the fee does not apply to any alias & pluries summons or endorsement in an action commenced or prosecuted by a IV-D child support agency. (The fee previously did not apply to actions filed under Chapter 110, Article 9, but that exemption was repealed effective July 1, 2013.) Further, the fee does not apply to a summons or endorsement in domestic violence proceedings under G.S. Chapter 50B. G.S. 50B-2(a).

³ The motion/notice of hearing fee does not apply to any motion listed in G.S. 7A-308; for a list, see "Appendix – Motion/Notice of Hearing Fee Exemptions" at the end of this cost chart. The fee also does not apply to any motion "containing as a sole claim for relief the taxing of costs, including attorneys' fees," to a motion filed pursuant to G.S. 1C-1602 or 1C-1603 (to designate exemptions from enforcement of a judgment), or to a motion filed by a child support agency established pursuant to Part D of Title IV of the Social Security Act (a "IV-D" agency). No more than one fee shall be assessed for any motion for which a notice of hearing is filed, regardless of whether the hearing is continued, rescheduled, or otherwise delayed.

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SPECI	AL PROCEEDINGS COSTS		
G.S. 7A-306, unless otherwise specified			AMOUNT
SPECIA	7A-306.		
General Court of Justice Fee.	General Fund	104.50	
G.S. 7A-306(a)(2).	State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA)	1.50	106.00
Facilities Fee. G.S. 7A-306(a)(1).			10.00
Phone Systems Fee. G.S. 7A-306(a)(1a).		4.00
Non-Foreclosure Total			120.00
			(+% of FMV)
	volving land, except boundary disputes.		+0.30/100.00
G.S. 7A-306(a)(2).			FMV of land
Maximum additional fee is \$200.00			involved ¹
Plus \$30.00 service fee for each ite	m of civil process served by the sheriff.		
G.S. 7A-311(a)(1).	+30.00		
	FORECLOSURE UNDER POWER OF SALE.		
General Court of Justice Fee. G.S.	7A-308(a)(1). ²		300.00
Facilities Fee.			None
Phone systems Fee.			None
FORECLOSURE TOTAL			300.00
			(+% of sale price)
Plus \$30.00 service fee for each ite	m of civil process served by the sheriff.		
G.S. 7A-311(a)(1).			+30.00
Additional GCJF assessed from sal	`		
Minimum additional fee: \$10.00. Ma	ximum additional fee: \$500.00.		+0.45/100.00 of final
			sale price
	PECIAL PROCEEDING FEES		AMOUNT
Motion/Notice of Hearing fee. G.S.	7A-306(g). ³		20.00

¹ Fair market value is determined by: (i) sale price if there is a sale; (ii) appraiser's valuation if there is no sale; or (iii) appraised value from the property tax records, if there is neither a sale nor an appraiser's valuation.



² Although filed as special proceedings (SP), foreclosure costs are assessed under G.S. 7A-308 (miscellaneous costs), not the special proceeding costs statute, G.S. 7A-306. The facilities fee and phone systems fee are not assessed in G.S. 7A-308, so they are not assessed for foreclosure filings.

³ The motion/notice of hearing fee does not apply to a notice of hearing on any motion listed in G.S. 7A-308; for a list, see "Appendix – Motion/Notice of Hearing Fee Exemptions" at the end of this cost chart. The fee also does not apply to a notice of hearing on any motion "containing as a sole claim for relief the taxing of costs, including attorneys' fees" or to a motion filed pursuant to G.S. 1C-1602 or 1C-1603 (to designate exemptions from enforcement of a judgment). No more than one fee shall be assessed for any motion for which a notice of hearing is filed, regardless of whether the hearing is continued, rescheduled, or otherwise delayed. Finally, pursuant to G.S. 7A-306(f), the fee does not apply to motions filed in foreclosures under power of sale.

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		AMOUNT
	,	a).'
State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA)	1.50 ²	106.00
		10.00
a)(1a).		4.00
		120.00
		(+% of gross estate,
		below)
		+0.40/100.00 of
ximum cumulative fee: \$6,000.00. G.S. 7A-	·307(a)(2a).	gross estate ³
		200.00
	7(a)(6).	
		+0.40/100.00 of
		NEW property
		coming into
		reopened estate5
-		
General Fund	104.50	
State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA)	1.50 ³⁹	106.00
		10.00
(a)(1a).		4.00
NT TOTAL		120.00
DUNTINGS/RECEIPT OF NEW PERSONAL PROPE	ERTY ASSETS.	20.00 per
		accounting
e: \$6,000.00. ⁷		or
		0.40/100.00 of gross
		value of assets (if
		new personal
		property)8
HOUT QUALIFICATION OF PERSONAL REPRESE	NTATIVE. G.S. 7	A-307(a)(3).
		20.00
		10.00
OTAL		30.00
ED PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. G.S. 7A-30	7(a)(2d) & G.S.	28A-29-1.
		20.00
N OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY AFFIDAVIT. G.	.S. 7A-307(b).	
General Fund	104.50	
State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA)	1.50	106.00 ¹⁰
		10.00
(a)(1a).		4.00
Phone systems Fee. G.S. 7A-307(a)(1a). COLLECTION BY AFFIDAVIT TOTAL		
		120.00
the gross estate.		120.00
the gross estate. ximum fee: \$6,000.00.		+0.40/100.00 of
	General Fund State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA) (a)(1a). the gross estate (at inventory and each acc ximum cumulative fee: \$6,000.00. G.S. 7A-after January 1, 2012.4 G.S. 7A-307(a)(5). PENED ESTATE ADMINISTRATION. G.S. 7A-30 December 31, 2011: ximum cumulative fee: \$6,000.00. TRUST UNDER WILL – ESTABLISHMENT.6 General Fund State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA) (a)(1a). NT TOTAL DUNTINGS/RECEIPT OF NEW PERSONAL PROPINE: \$6,000.00.7 HOUT QUALIFICATION OF PERSONAL REPRESE TOTAL TED PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. G.S. 7A-30 ON OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY AFFIDAVIT. G. General Fund State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA)	ADMINISTRATIONS AND ESTATE PROCEEDINGS. G.S. 7A-307(General Fund 104.50 State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA) 1.50² (a)(1a). the gross estate (at inventory and each accounting). ximum cumulative fee: \$6,000.00. G.S. 7A-307(a)(2a). after January 1, 2012.⁴ G.S. 7A-307(a)(5). PENEDE ESTATE ADMINISTRATION. G.S. 7A-307(a)(6). December 31, 2011: ximum cumulative fee: \$6,000.00. TRUST UNDER WILL – ESTABLISHMENT.6 General Fund 104.50 State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA) 1.50³9 (a)(1a). NT TOTAL DUNTINGS/RECEIPT OF NEW PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSETS. e: \$6,000.00.7 HOUT QUALIFICATION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. G.S. 7 FOTAL ED PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. G.S. 7A-307(a)(2d) & G.S. ON OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY AFFIDAVIT. G.S. 7A-307(b). General Fund 104.50 State Bar Legal Aid Account (LAA) 1.50°



OTHER ESTATE FEES	
G.S. 7A-307(b1), unless otherwise noted	AMOUNT
Motion/Notice of Hearing fee. G.S. 7A-307(a)(4). 12	20.00
Service fee for civil process served by the Sheriff. G.S. 7A-307(c) and 7A-311(a)(1).	+30.00
Filing and indexing a will without probate. First page	1.00
Each additional page or fraction thereof	0.25
Additional fiduciary letters (per letter over 5).	1.00
Safe deposit box inventory (per box, per day).	15.00
Taking a deposition.	10.00
Docketing and Indexing a will probated in another county in the State. First page	6.00
Each additional page or fraction thereof	0.25
Hearing petition for year's allowance.	8.00

¹ The estate fees set forth here apply at the filing of the inventory, if not previously collected. Other fees apply at the filing of accountings. <u>Do not</u> assess estate costs for payments to the clerk of debts owed the decedent pursuant to G.S. 28A-25-6.

minimum fee of \$20.00 must be assessed for the filing of the accounting.

9 Assess the \$20.00 fee upon filing of the petition to serve as a limited personal representative under Chapter 28A, Article 29. This is the only fee assessed for such petitions; do not assess the GCJF, phone system fee, facilities fee, etc. The fee was effective October 1, 2009, and applies to estates of persons dying on or after that date.

¹⁰ G.S. 7A-307(b) requires that, for collection of personal property by affidavit, "the facilities fee and thirty dollars (\$30.00) of the General Court of Justice fee shall be paid at the time of filing the qualifying affidavit." The phone systems fee, the remainder of the GCJF, and the percentage of the gross estate are assessed at the filing of the final affidavit of collection.

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11 For collection of personal property by affidavit, "Gross Estate" is the value of all personal property received by the affiant. The fee is assessed based on the final affidavit of collection. See AOC-E-204 (Affidavit Of Collection, Disbursement And Distribution), Side One,

¹² The motion/notice of hearing fee does not apply to a notice of hearing on any motion listed in G.S. 7A-308; for a list, see "Appendix – Motion/Notice of Hearing Fee Exemptions" at the end of this cost chart. The fee also does not apply to a notice of hearing on any motion "containing as a sole claim for relief the taxing of costs, including attorneys' fees" or to a motion filed pursuant to G.S. 1C-1602 or 1C-1603 (to designate exemptions from enforcement of a judgment). No more than one fee shall be assessed for any motion for which a notice of hearing is filed, regardless of whether the hearing is continued, rescheduled, or otherwise delayed.



² The \$1.50 portion of the General Court of Justice fee (GCJF) allocated to the State Bar's is for the Access to Civil Justice fund under G.S. 7A-474.4. The remainder of the GCJF is remitted to the General Fund. The NCAOC's Financial Management System (FMS) will allocate this portion automatically when using the related code sets to assess costs.

³ "Gross estate" is the value of all personal property when received, plus the proceeds of any <u>sale</u> of realty coming into the hands of the fiduciary. Gross estate does not include fair market value of realty not sold. The fee is to be computed from the inventory and paid when the inventory is filed, except for collection of personal property by affidavit, described on the next page. Additional amounts will be due upon filing of an accounting.

⁴ G.S. 7A-307(a)(4) requires a filing fee of \$200.00 for a caveat filed in an estate for which the decedent died on or after January 1, 2012. For decedents dying on or before December 31, 2011, there is no filing fee for a caveat, but a bond of \$200.00 shall be required.

⁵ The \$0.40 per \$100.00 of major fraction thereof of <u>new property coming into the estate after the reopening is the <u>only</u> fee charged for reopened estates; the initial filing fees (General Court of Justice fee, facilities fees, etc.) do not apply. Note that this applies to <u>all</u> reopened estates, not just those for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2012; the only difference in costs for reopened estates that depends on the decedent's date of death is the minimum \$15.00 fee per filing for decedents dying before that date.</u>

⁶ When a trust is established under a will, the basic estates costs are assessed twice: once for establishment of the decedent's estate file for probate of the will, and once for establishment of the trust file. The initial costs shown are to be assessed only <u>once</u> in the trust file; thereafter, costs for the trust are assessed only at the filing of accountings for new personal property received by the trust.

⁷ The minimum filing fee continues to apply to accountings filed in trusts, despite changes in 2012 to the minimum filing fees in estates.
⁸ The gross-value percentage "shall be assessed only on newly contributed or acquired assets, all interest or other income that accrues or is earned on or with respect to any existing or newly contributed or acquired assets, and realized gains on the sale of any and all trust assets. Newly contributed or acquired assets do not include assets acquired by the sale, transfer, exchange, or otherwise of the amount of trust property on which fees were previously assessed." G.S. 7A-307(a)(2a). This fee is not to be assessed on assets for which the gross-value fee was assessed in administration of the original decedent's estate proceeding. If no new assets were acquired by the trust, the

The chart below shows court costs in effect October 1, 2014, and applies to all costs assessed or collected on or after that date, except where otherwise noted. Changes to costs and fees for 2014 are shaded, and are tagged with bracketed notes according to the dates on which they take effect, e.g. [Oct. 1], [Dec. 1], etc. Legislation enacting new or amended cost items is cited in brackets. Items citing only a bill section (e.g., "[§ 18B.17]") refer to sections of S.L. 2014-100 (SB 744).

MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND COMMISSIONS	
G.S. 7A-308, unless otherwise specified	AMOUNT
Proceeding supplemental to execution. G.S. 7A-308(a)(2).	30.00
Confession of judgment. G.S. 7A-308(a)(3).	25.00
Taking a deposition. G.S. 7A-308(a)(4).	10.00
Execution. G.S. 7A-308(a)(5).	25.00
Notice of resumption of former name. G.S. 7A-308(a)(6).	10.00
Taking acknowledgement or administering oath, or both, with or without seal, each certificate. Note: Oaths of office are administered to public officials at no charge. G.S. 7A-308(a)(7).	2.00
Bond, taking justification or approving. G.S. 7A-308(a)(8).	10.00
Certificate, under seal. 52 G.S. 7A-308(a)(9).	3.00
Exemplification of records. G.S. 7A-308(a)(10).	10.00
Recording or docketing (including indexing) any document: G.S. 7A-308(a)(11). First page	6.00
Each additional page or fraction thereof	0.25
Preparation of copies: G.S. 7A-308(a)(12). First page (of each document)	2.00
Each additional page or fraction thereof	0.25
Preparation and docketing of transcript of judgment. G.S. 7A-308(a)(13).	10.00
Substitution of trustee in deed of trust. G.S. 7A-308(a)(14).	10.00
Execution of passport application. G.S. 7A-308(a)(15).	Amt. allowed by federal law
Criminal record search (except if search is requested by an agency of the State or any of its political subdivisions or by an agency of the United States or by a petitioner in a proceeding under Article 2 of General Statutes Chapter 20). G.S. 7A-308(a)(17).	25.00
Filing the affirmations, acknowledgments, agreements and resulting orders entered into under the provisions of G.S. 110-132 and 110-133. G.S. 7A-308(a)(18).	6.00
Filing a motion to assert a right of access under G.S. § 1-72.1. G.S. 7A-308(a)(20).	30.00
Alias & Pluries summons or endorsement on original summons (civil actions only). G.S. 7A-308(a)(21). ² G.S. 7A-308(a)(15).	15.00
Motion for out-of-state attorney to appear in NC courts (pro hac vice). G.S. 84-4.1.3	225.00 ⁴
Family Court Supervision fee. G.S. 7A-314.1.	50.00 ⁵

¹ Pursuant to § 7A-308(b1), attorneys representing indigents by court appointment or under contract with Indigent Defense Services are exempt from certification and copying fees, if the request for certification or copies is made "in connection with the appointed case or the contract and during the duration of the appointment or the contract."

⁴ The motion/notice of hearing fee for civil cases, special proceedings, and estates does not apply to the filing of a motion to appear *pro hac vice*, because the fee for this particular filing is specified in G.S. 84-4.1(7). However, the *pro hac vice* fee applies separately to <u>each</u> attorney petitioning for admission, even if multiple attorneys file for admission in the same motion. The *pro hac vice* fee may be paid directly to the clerk in whole or in part. Many out-of-state attorneys pay \$25.00 of the fee directly to the State Bar and \$200.00 to the clerk.



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² Although codified in G.S. 7A-308 (miscellaneous fees), the fee for alias and pluries summons and endorsements is limited to "civil matters" only, so it does not apply to summons in special proceedings or estates. Further, as amended effective July 1, 2013, the fee does not apply to any alias & pluries summons or endorsement in an action commenced or prosecuted by a IV-D child support agency. (The fee previously did not apply to actions filed under Chapter 110, Article 9, but that exemption was repealed effective July 1, 2013.) Further, the fee does not apply to a summons or endorsement in domestic violence proceedings under G.S. Chapter 50B. G.S. 50B-2(a).

³ The *pro hac vice* fee does not apply when an attorney involved in a case from another state only petitions the clerk to issue a subpoena for an entity in NC to appear and be deposed or produce documents for use in that out-of-state case. Such actions are governed by Chapter 1F of the General Statutes, which provides that the clerk opens a regular civil file, assesses the civil filing fees, and issues the subpoena, G.S. 1F-3(b), but the request for a subpoena does <u>not</u> constitute an "appearance" in a North Carolina case by the attorney, G.S.1F-3(a), so the *pro hac vice* fee does not apply. However, if any party (whether a subpoenaed witness or the out-of-state attorney) files an application in the local civil file to "enforce, quash, or modify" the subpoena pursuant to G.S. 1F-6, the attorney's participation in that proceeding <u>does</u> constitute an appearance, so a motion to appear *pro hac vice* and its fee then would be required.

If an attorney pays the full \$225.00 to the clerk, \$200.00 is to be remitted to the State Treasurer. Of the remaining \$25.00, remit \$2.50 to the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 7A-321(d), and the balance of \$22.50 to the N.C. State Bar.

⁵ The family court supervision fee is to be assessed <u>per hour</u> "to persons receiving the services of a supervised visitation and exchange center through a family court program." The increased hourly fee of \$50 applies to "services provided on or after" July 1, 2013.



Appendix - Criminal Costs Summary

In Effect As Of August 1, 2013

Category ¹	Total Amount		Amounts & Am	nount Descri	ptions
District Court Infraction (IFC/IF_)	178.00	129.50 12.00 4.00 7.50 2.00	GCJ Facilities Telephone LEO Retirement LEO Training	18.00 5.00	Misd. Confinement Service
District Court Infraction Chapter 20 Offense (IFTC/IFT_)	188.00	129.50 12.00 4.00 7.50 2.00	GCJ Facilities Telephone LEO Retirement LEO Training	18.00 5.00 10.00	Misd. Confinement Service Chapter 20
District Court Misdemeanor (CRDC/CRD_)	180.00	129.50 12.00 4.00 7.50 2.00	GCJ Facilities Telephone LEO Retirement LEO Training	18.00 5.00 2.00	Misd. Confinement Service DNA
District Court Misdemeanor Chapter 20 Offense (CRTC/CRT_)	190.00	129.50 12.00 4.00 7.50 2.00	GCJ Facilities Telephone LEO Retirement LEO Training	18.00 5.00 2.00 10.00	Misd. Confinement Service DNA Chapter 20
Superior Court without First Appearance in District Court (CRSC/CRS_)	205.00	154.50 30.00 4.00 7.50 2.00	GCJ Facilities Telephone LEO Retirement LEO Training	5.00 2.00	Service DNA
Superior Court without First Appearance in District Court Chapter 20 Offense	215.00	154.50 30.00 4.00 7.50 2.00	GCJ Facilities Telephone LEO Retirement LEO Training	5.00 2.00 10.00	Service DNA Chapter 20
Superior Court with First Appearance in District Court (CRDS)	334.50	154.50 129.50 30.00 4.00 7.50 2.00	GCJ (Sup) GCJ (Dist) Facilities Telephone LEO Retirement LEO Training	5.00 2.00	Service DNA
Superior Court with First Appearance in District Court	344.50	154.50 129.50 30.00 4.00 7.50	GCJ (Sup) GCJ (Dist) Facilities Telephone LEO Retirement	5.00 2.00 10.00	Service DNA Chapter 20
Chapter 20 Offense		2.00	LEO Training		

¹ These totals do not apply to offenses for which specific court costs are assessed, such as adult front seat belt offenses, G.S. 20-135.2A, or offenses that do not bear court costs, such as failure to burn headlights with wipers on, G.S. 20-129(a)(4). Nor do they include the \$50.00 that must be assessed for conviction of an improper equipment offense, per G.S. 7A-304(a)(4b), or the impaired driving fee of \$100.00 under G.S. 7A-304(a)(10).



Category	Total Amount		Amounts & Amo	ount Descri	ptions
Superior Court Infraction Appealed from District Court for Trial De Novo (IFDA)	368.50	129.50 12.00 4.00 7.50 2.00 18.00 5.00	GCJ (Dist) Facilities (Dist) Telephone (Dist) LEO Retirement LEO Training (Dist) Misd. Confinement Service	154.50 30.00 4.00 2.00	GCJ (Sup) Facilities (Sup) Telephone (Sup) LEO Training (Sup)
Superior Court Infraction Appealed from District Court for Trial De Novo Chapter 20 Offense (IFTA)	388.50	129.50 12.00 4.00 7.50 2.00 18.00 5.00 10.00	GCJ (Dist) Facilities (Dist) Telephone (Dist) LEO Retirement LEO Training (Dist) Misd. Confinement Service Chapter 20 (Dist)	154.50 30.00 4.00 2.00 10.00	GCJ (Sup) Facilities (Sup) Telephone (Sup) LEO Training (Sup) Chapter 20 (Sup)
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Superior Court Misdemeanor Appealed from District Court for Trial De Novo (CRDA)	372.50	129.50 12.00 4.00 7.50 2.00 18.00 5.00 2.00	GCJ (Dist) Facilities (Dist) Telephone (Dist) LEO Retirement LEO Training (Dist) Misd. Confinement Service DNA (Dist)	154.50 30.00 4.00 2.00 2.00	GCJ (Sup) Facilities (Sup) Telephone (Sup) LEO Training (Sup) DNA (Sup)

Appendix - Chapter 20 Improper Equipment Offenses

Set out below is a table of Chapter 20 "improper equipment offenses."

Effective for costs assessed or collected on or after August 1, 2011 (unless the waiver exception of G.S. 7A-304(g) applies for a process issued prior to that date), a defendant who is found guilty or responsible for an "improper equipment offense" under Chapter 20 must pay a fee of \$50.00 in addition to the standard Chapter 20 criminal/infraction costs amount. See G.S. 7A-304(a)(4b). The office of the Clerk of Superior Court will remit this additional \$50.00 to the Division of Adult Correction for the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Fund. Id.

The Chief District Court Judges traditionally have limited "improper equipment offenses" on the list of waivable traffic offenses to equipment violations found in Part 9 of Article 3 of Chapter 20.1 The judges have, however, distinguished "equipment violations" in Part 9 from "height, length and width" violations in Part 9.2 Using the waiver list as guidance, the NCAOC interprets the "improper equipment" fee to apply to any offense in Part 9 other than (i) violations relating to vehicle height, length and width and (ii) violations that otherwise could be considered equipment violations, but for which the equipment element of the offense is derivative of the height, width or length nature of the offense. An example of the latter would be violations of G.S. 20-117 (flags and lights at the end of loads), for which the equipment (the flag) is required only because of a load that has extended the overall length of the vehicle.

For each improper equipment offense, the table lists the statutory citation, the offense code description (or simply a brief description of the offense if there is no offense code for the violation), and the offense code (if one exists).

Statute	Description	Offense Code
G.S. 20-116(g)	IMPROPER LOADING/COVERING VEH	4425
G.S. 20-117.1(a)	BUS, TRUCK OR TRUCK TRACTOR MIRROR VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-120	FLAT TRUCK OR TOBACCO TRUCK LOAD VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-121.1	LOW-SPEED VEHICLE EQUIPMENT VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-122	TIRE RESTRICTIONS EQUIP VIOL	4421
G.S. 20-122.1	UNSAFE TIRES	4462
G.S. 20-123	IMPROPER TOWING	4413
G.S. 20-123.1	IMPROPER STEERING MECHANISM	4423
G.S. 20-123.2	IMPROPER EQUIP - SPEEDOMETER	4418
G.S. 20-124	IMPROPER BRAKES	4488
G.S. 20-125	HORN AND WARNING DEVICE VIO	4404
G.S. 20-125.1	DIRECTIONAL SIGNALS EQUIP VIOL	4426
G.S. 20-126	MIRROR VIOLATION	4407
G.S. 20-127(a)	WINDSHIELD WIPER EQUIP VIOL	4490
G.S. 20-127(b1)	WINDSHIELD TINTING VIOL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE	5671
G.S. 20-127(d)	WINDOW TINTING VIOL	5596
G.S. 20-128	IMPROPER MUFFLER	4486
G.S. 20-128.1	EMISSIONS CONTROL VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-129(a) ³	FAIL TO BURN HEADLAMPS	4445

¹ See, e.g., the 2011 edition of Traffic Offenses for which Court Appearance May Be Waived (December 1, 2011), Item B.39., at: http://www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Documents/01_traffic-2011.pdf.

³ The table does not include a violation of G.S. 20-129(a)(4) (offense code 4446), for failing to burn headlights when windshield wipers are in use, because the statute prohibits the assessment of court costs for that offense.



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² See, e.g., the 2011 edition of Traffic Offenses for which Court Appearance May Be Waived (December 1, 2011), Item B.38.

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Statute	Description	Code
G.S. 20-129(b)	DRIVE WITHOUT TWO HEADLAMPS	4492
G.S. 20-129(c)	MOTORCYCLE FAIL BURN HEADLAMP	4422
G.S. 20-129(d)	MOTORCYCLE FAIL BURN TAILLIGHT	4424
G.S. 20-129(d)	REAR LAMPS VIOLATION	4427
G.S. 20-129(e)	BICYCLE LIGHT VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-129(f)	FARM TRACTOR OR OTHER VEHICLE LIGHT VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-129(g)	BRAKE/STOP LIGHT EQUIP VIOL	4429
G.S. 20-129.1	ADDITIONAL LIGHTING EQUIP VIOL	4435
G.S. 20-129.2	MOBILE HOME LIGHTING VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-130	SPOT LAMP OR AUXILIARY LAMP VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-130.1(e)	USE OF RED OR BLUE LIGHT	5576
G.S. 20-130.2	AMBER LIGHT VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-130.3	WHITE LIGHT REAR – DRIVE FORWARD	4436
G.S. 20-131(a)	FAILURE TO DIM LIGHTS MEET VEH	4554
G.S. 20-131	HEADLAMP OR AUXILIARY LAMP VIOLATION (OTHER THAN FAILURE TO	None
	DIM LIGHTS UNDER CODE 4554)	
G.S. 20-132	ACETYLENE LIGHTS VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-134	NO LIGHTS ON PARKED VEHICLE	4481
G.S. 20-134(b)	RURAL LETTER CARRIER VEHICLE OR NEWSPAPER DELIVERY VEHICLE LIGHT VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-135	DOOR, WINDOW, WINDSHIELD, WING OR PARTITION GLASS VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-135.2	FRONT SEAT BELT CONSTRUCTION OR INSTALLATION VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-135.3	REAR SEAT BELT CONSTRUCTION OR INSTALLATION VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-136	SMOKE SCREEN DEVICE VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-136.2	AIR BAG INSTALLATION VIOLATION	None
G.S. 20-137.1(a)	FAIL TO SECURE PASSEN UNDER 16	4472
G.S. 20-137.2	LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE RESEMBLANCE VIOLATION	None

Appendix – Motion/Notice of Hearing Fee Exemptions

Updated Effective August 1, 2013

Notice of Hearing on Motion for Costs or Attorney Fees. G.S. 7A-305(f), 7A-306(g), and 7A-307(a)(4).

Each of the statutory provisions for the motion/notice of hearing fee provides that the fee is not to be assessed for "a notice of hearing on a motion containing as a sole claim for relief the taxing of costs, including attorneys' fees." Therefore if the <u>only</u> request for relief in the motion is for costs and/or attorney fees, the fee does not apply when the notice of hearing is filed.

Notices of Hearing on Motions under G.S. 7A-308.

Currently, there are only three motions for which fees are assessed under G.S. 7A-308, and which therefore are exempt from the motion/notice of hearing fee of G.S. 7A-305(f), 7A-306(g), and 7A-307(a)(4). For each of these three motions, the clerk should assess the fee specified in G.S. 7A-308 upon the filing of the motion, <u>not</u> for the filing of a notice of hearing on the motions.

- (a)(2) Proceedings supplemental to execution [initiated by motion in the cause].
- (a)(14) Substitution of trustee on a deed of trust [in a judicial foreclosure].
- (a)(20) Motion to assert a right of access under G.S. 1-72.1 [to a judicial proceeding or record].
- Civil Actions Additional Fee-Exempt Motions. G.S. 7A-305(f).

Child Support Proceedings - Exemptions for IV-D Agencies

Pursuant to S.L. 2013-225, § 4.(a), the fee for notices of hearing on motions in civil actions does <u>not</u> apply to motions filed by a child support enforcement agency established pursuant to Part D of Title IV of the Social Security Act.

This means that the motion/notice of hearing fee shall not be charged to a IV-D agency when the IV-D agency is the filer of the motion.

Domestic Violence Proceedings

Because any motion filed in a proceeding under Chapter 50B of the General Statutes (e.g., for contempt for violation of the order) may be necessary to the enforcement of such order, and because court costs may not be assessed for actions associated with a protective order, pursuant to G.S. 50B-2(a), the fee should <u>not</u> be assessed for notices of hearing on motions for the enforcement or modification of orders under Chapter 50B.

Special Proceedings - Additional Fee-Exempt Motions. G.S. 7A-306(f).

Pursuant to G.S. 7A-306(f), the costs in that statute do not apply to foreclosures under power of sale in a deed of trust or mortgage, so the motion fee is not to be assessed in those proceedings.

Estates - No Additional Exemptions. G.S. 7A-307(a)(4).

Other than motions for costs and attorney fees and motions under G.S. 7A-308, listed above, there are no exemptions from the motion/notice of hearing fee in estate cases.