

Court costs represent fees for various funds and services which are set by Revised Missouri Statutes. Costs will vary depending on the case type and may vary from county to county.

Costs are assessed on each municipal and traffic violation as well as on each misdemeanor, felony, civil, domestic and juvenile case. **All** costs are assessed and expected to be paid upon disposition of each case.

The accepted methods of payment in Lafayette County are by cash, money order, cashier's check, personal check (if a resident of Lafayette Co.), attorney's check, or by major credit card.

If a cash bond was posted and a bond assignment does not exist, the costs, fines and fees will be satisfied out of the bond unless otherwise ordered by the court.

All payment instruments should include the case number to which the payment is to be applied. Use the following address for mailing payments.

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
P.O. BOX 10
LEXINGTON, MO 64067**

To make a payment by credit/debit card, call 660-259-6101 OR access the case.net link at www.courts.mo.gov. Click on the **Pay by Web** icon and follow the prompts.

Failure to pay court ordered costs, fines and fees in full by a specified due date may result in any and/or all of the following sanctions being taken against you without further notice.

TIME PAYMENT FEE

Pursuant to Section 488.5025.1 RSMO. a time payment fee of \$25.00 shall be assessed to any defendant who fails to pay a court ordered judgment, penalty, fine, sanction or court costs, including restitution and juvenile monetary assessment within thirty (30) days of the date of the order.

MISSOURI TAX INTERCEPT PROGRAM

Pursuant to Section 488.5028 RMSO. this court will offset a defendant's Missouri Tax Refund when they fail to pay court ordered court costs, fines, or fees within sixty (60) days of the date of the order. Any Missouri Tax Refund to which the defendant is entitled will be intercepted to satisfy the past due debt due to the court. NOTE: taxes will be intercepted for any unpaid balance regardless of compliance with any payment plan.

DEBT COLLECTION PROGRAM

Pursuant to Section 488.5030 RMSO. this court has contracted with Client Services Inc., a private collection agency, to collect past-due court-ordered penalties, fines, restitution, sanctions, and court costs including juvenile monetary assessments and judgments due to the court.

When a defendant fails to pay court ordered costs, fines, and fees within sixty (60) days of the final payment plan due date**, a fee equaling 20% of the amount due the court will be added to the balance due on the case and

the case is automatically referred for collection services.

(The additional 20% covers the cost of collection and shall be retained by Client Services, Inc. from the funds received, prorated to the amount collected. The remaining portion will be forwarded to the court and credited toward the balance due). The case will remain subject to collection until it is paid in full.

Once your debt has been submitted to Client Services Inc. for collection, you may contact a customer service representative at 1-800-768-4896 to discuss their payment plan options or to pay your debt by credit card. If you dispute the balance of the debt, please contact the Circuit Clerk's Office at 1-660-259-6101.

Once your debt has been submitted to Client Services, Inc. for collection, payments to the Circuit Clerk's Office will no longer be accepted and the **Pay by Web** option will no longer be available.

**PAYMENT PLAN INFORMATION

If you are unable to pay the costs in full at the time your case is disposed, a standard payment plan will automatically be applied to all unpaid balances or as ordered by the court. This plan establishes a final due date and assists in monitoring collection.

Balance Owed is	Time Allowed
\$ 0.00-\$ 150.00	30 days
\$ 150.01-\$ 300.00	3 months
\$ 300.01-\$ 600.00	6 months
\$ 600.01-\$1,200.00	12 months
\$1,200.01 +	18 months

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fines, board bills, Missouri Highway Patrol fees, drug testing fees, extradition costs, etc. are assessed in addition to the base cost assessment (see below) when applicable and/or when ordered by the court. Further, if probation is suspended, revoked or extended, additional costs may also be assessed.

Case No:

Amount owed: \$



BASE COST ASSESSMENT eff. 8/28/06

Traffic Violation	\$ 70.50
Misdemeanor	\$118.50
Felony (C or D)	\$331.50
Felony (A or B)	\$383.50

It is your responsibility to keep the Circuit Clerk's office informed of any address changes as there may be an occasion when your account balances cannot be calculated at the time of disposition. A Case Party Fee Report would be mailed to you soon thereafter. Be advised, however, that prior notification of costs owed is not a requirement for enforcement processes to be initiated.

**WHAT YOU
NEED TO
KNOW ABOUT
PAYING YOUR
COURT COSTS**

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY
MISSOURI**

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