



COUNTY of GALVESTON
COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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August 8, 2025

Hon. Mark Henry
Hon. County Commissioners' Court
Galveston County Courthouse
Galveston, Texas 77550

Re: Sheriff's and Constables' Fees 2026

Gentlemen:

Local Government Code §118.131 authorizes the Commissioners' Court of each county to set reasonable fees to be charged for services by the offices of Sheriffs and Constables.

Attached is the Sheriff's and Constables' Fee comparison chart.

Forcible detainer, the average fee is \$108.00. It is recommended that Galveston County increase the fee from \$85.00 to \$110.00.

Writ of Possession recommended increase from \$200.00 to \$225.00.

A new fee of \$225.00 to be added for Verification of Complaint; Service of Notice to Immediately Vacate per Property Code 24B.003(f), as a result of SB 1333, which states a sheriff or constable will charge a fee equal to a writ of possession to remove an unauthorized occupant.

I respectfully request that the Commissioners Court approve the Order Setting Civil Citation Fees to be charged by the Galveston County Sheriff and Constables for the calendar year 2026.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Veronica Van Horn".

Veronica Van Horn
Legal Services Manager



Galveston County
Sheriffs' and Constables' 2026 Fee Comparison Chart

	*GALVESTON	*HARRIS	*DALLAS	*BEXAR	*TARRANT	*TRAVIS	*EL PASO	*HIDALGO	*COLLIN	*FORT BEND	*DENTON	*CAMERON	*NUECES	*CHAMBERS	*BRAZORIA	*MONTGOMERY	*JEFFERSON		
Est. Population	350,682	4,731,145	2,613,539	2,009,324	2,110,640	1,290,183	865,657	879,781	1,084,465	822,779	906,422	421,817	353,178	46,571	372,031	620,443	256,526		
ITEM																		Sum	Average
1 Subpoena	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$80.00	\$92.00	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$173.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$1,555.00	\$91
2 Summons	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$80.00	\$92.00	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$1,532.00	\$90
3 Writ of Attachment	\$160.00	\$155.00	\$150.00	\$282.00	\$150.00	\$170.00	\$220.00	\$225.00	\$175.00	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$260.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$3,177.00	\$187
4 Writ of Garnishment	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$140.00	\$157.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$260.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$2,762.00	\$162
5 Writ of Sequestration	\$200.00	\$185.00	\$150.00	\$282.00	\$150.00	\$170.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$260.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$3,252.00	\$191
6 Orders of Sale	\$175.00	\$185.00	\$150.00	\$282.00	\$150.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$260.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$3,287.00	\$193
7 Writ of Possession	\$200.00	\$155.00	\$150.00	\$282.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$175.00	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$260.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$3,252.00	\$191
8 Forcible Detainer (Eviction)	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$117.00	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$60.00	\$90.00	\$173.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$1,575.00	\$93
9 Small Claims Citations	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$80.00	\$92.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$173.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$1,525.00	\$90
10 Justice Court Citations	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$80.00	\$92.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$173.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$1,525.00	\$90
11 All Other Court Citations	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$80.00	\$92.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$110.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$173.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$1,560.00	\$92
12 Injunction	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$80.00	\$92.00	\$75.00	\$120.00	\$110.00	\$100.00	\$175.00	\$80.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$260.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$2,267.00	\$133
13 Restraining Order	\$100.00	\$155.00	\$80.00	Not Reported	\$75.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$175.00	\$80.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$202.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$2,007.00	\$125
14 Habeas Corpus	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$282.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$275.00	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$130.00	\$225.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$2,917.00	\$172
15 Detrass Warrant	\$150.00	\$155.00	\$150.00	Not Reported	\$150.00	\$225.00	\$220.00	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$80.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$260.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$2,790.00	\$174
16 Certiorari	\$125.00	\$85.00	\$150.00	Not Reported	\$150.00	\$115.00	\$125.00	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$180.00	\$150.00	Not Reported	\$260.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$2,415.00	\$161
17 Scire Facias	\$125.00	\$85.00	\$150.00	Not Reported	\$75.00	\$115.00	Not Reported	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$80.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$173.00	Not Reported	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$2,053.00	\$147
18 Commission	YES	YES		YES		YES				YES	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		

*Reference the 2025 Sheriffs' & Constables' Fees Taxes Comptroller Publication for additional fees and/or commissions.

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/transparency/local/sheriffs/>

On this, the 18th day of August, 2025, the Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas, convened in a specially scheduled meeting with the following members thereof present:

Mark Henry, County Judge
Darrell A. Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Hank Dugie, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and
Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to-wit:

**An Order Setting Civil Citation Fees to be Charged by the
Galveston County Sheriff and Constables for Calendar Year 2026**

Whereas, §118.131 of the Local Government Code authorizes the Commissioners' Court of each county to set reasonable fees to be charged for services by the offices of Sheriffs and Constables; and

Whereas, upon analysis of the projected costs of serving judicial civil process for the upcoming calendar year, a determination has been made as to the level of fees required to recoup the costs to Galveston County for this service; and

Whereas, the Commissioners' Court is of the opinion that the following fees are reasonable and should be established effective January 1, 2026, for this service of civil process in Galveston; and

Whereas, for each person, corporation, or other legal entity upon whom service of citation, precepts, subpoena, summons, or process not otherwise provided for, if performed or attempted and return made, including mileage, if any, the Sheriff and Constables shall receive a fee of the following:

GALVESTON COUNTY FEES

Subpoenas	\$ 85.00
Summons	\$ 85.00
Writ of Attachment	\$ 160.00
Writ of Garnishment	\$ 150.00
Writ of Sequestration	\$ 200.00
Orders of Sale	\$ 175.00
Writ of Possession	\$ 225.00
Unauthorized Occupant Removal	\$ 225.00
Property Code 24B.003/SB 1333	

Forcible Detainer	\$ 110.00
Small Claims Citation	\$ 85.00
Justice Court Citation	\$ 85.00
All Other Courts' Citations	\$ 85.00
Citation	\$ 85.00
Deposition Subpoena	\$ 75.00
Posting	\$ 75.00
Publication	\$ 85.00
Notice	\$ 75.00
Execution	\$ 150.00
Delivery Bond	\$ 75.00
Replevy Bond	\$ 75.00
Restitution	\$ 150.00
Precept	\$ 80.00
Show Cause	\$ 75.00
Injunction	\$100.00
Restraining Order	\$100.00
Summons & Complaint	\$ 75.00
Commitment	\$ 85.00
Trustee Sale	\$ 85.00
Certiorari	\$120.00
Habeas Corpus	\$125.00
Scire Facias	\$125.00
Distress Warrant	\$150.00
Any Other Non-Writ	\$ 75.00
Any Other Writ	\$ 150.00
Tax Suits (Galveston County)	\$ 75.00
Tax Suits (out of county)	\$ 100.00
Execution: Order of Sale; other Sheriff or Constable Sales-Excludes Tax Foreclosure Order of Sale	\$175.00 plus \$40.00 per deputy per hour for Executions exceeding 4 hours plus additional commission/fees^(1,2,3)

¹ Commission due based on percent of monies collected after sale and/or levy: 10% up to and including \$20,000.00 & 4% of amounts over \$20,000.00. Exception Tax Foreclosure Order of Sale commission, calculated on the judgment due.

² Commission due based on percent of monies collected if settlement reached before sale and/or levy due to work conducted by county officials: 4% up to and including \$20,000.00 & 2% of amounts over \$20,000.00. Excludes Tax Foreclosure Order of Sale.

³ Cancellation Fee \$500.00 – Writ of Execution & Order of Sale (Excludes Tax Writs & Tax Foreclosure Order of Sale) with Judgment creditors direction to withhold or release levy, withhold collection, cancel, or recall without collection of judgment and cost shall include all costs incurred and cancellation fee.

Be It Further Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed that the fees as prescribed above are hereby established by this Commissioners' Court effective January 1, 2026, and that they shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.

Be it Further Ordered that beginning no later than October 1st and continuing for 30 days thereafter, a notice setting out the fees shall be posted both at the Courthouse door and at a public place in each County Commissioner's Precinct.

Be it Further Ordered that a notice setting out the fees shall be posted in the offices of the District and County Clerks, the Sheriff, the various Constables, and the various Justices of the Peace and any other County Officials who are authorized to charge the fees.

Be it Further Ordered that the County Clerk is to furnish a certified copy of this Order to the Comptroller of Public Accounts before October 15th of this year.

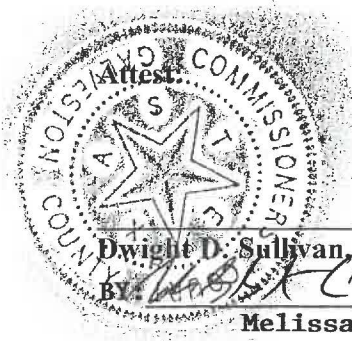
It is Further Ordered that the District and County Clerks, the Justices of the Peace, the Sheriff, the Constables, and any other affected official or department make appropriate revisions of their fee schedules and deposit requirements to incorporate therein the above fee prescribed by this Court.

Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded, the above Order was passed this 18th day of August, 2025.

County of Galveston, Texas

By:

Mark A. Henry, County Judge



Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

By: 
Melissa A. Childs

Deputy