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Court Costs Changes Effective December 15, 2025

Several changes to the Franklin County Municipal Court Cost Schedule will go into effect on December 15, 2025. Please see additional details below.

The Ohio Revised Code, Section 1901.261, allows municipal court clerks to charge up to \$20.00 for the computerization fund. Last year, Clerk Tyack developed a five-year plan to update the current case management system (CMS). After reviewing the funds needed and assessing the rising costs in services and technological costs, Clerk Tyack has authorized an additional \$5.00 increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00 starting December 15, 2025. This incremental increase will assist in covering the costs of technological needs for the Municipal Court Clerk's Office.

Additionally, The Municipal Court Judges have enacted a new special project fund, pursuant to R.C. 1901.26, in the amount of \$10. This is also set to take effect December 15, 2025, and will apply to all case types. The name of the new cost is the "Court Modernization Fund." The purpose of the new cost is to help pay for transitioning the court to a paperless operation, which needs to be accomplished before moving into a new courthouse which is currently planned to be completed by 2029.

The Franklin County Municipal Court and Clerk were made aware that the Daily Reporter will cease publication permanently on December 12, 2025. The Court Modernization Fund is being enacted to coincide with the elimination of the "initial publication" cost (\$10) that has applied to all civil cases except Small Claims. The money collected was previously paid to the Daily Reporter as compensation for publishing the court's calendar and other information. Since there will no longer be a "law journal" in Franklin County, the Court is not obligated to publish that information. Therefore, the Court will discontinue the \$10 "initial publication" cost effective December 15, 2025.