

INFORMATION REGARDING COURT FINES, COSTS AND ASSESSMENTS

All fines on traffic tickets and criminal court cases are set by the judge within the statutory limits (minimum and maximum allowed by law).

City Code Ordinance (including code enforcement and animal control violations) fines are set by the judge within the limits set forth in the city ordinance.

In addition to fines, all tickets, summons and criminal cases are charged state and local assessments. Many of these assessments are mandated by state statute and must be charged.

The assessments vary according to the type of offense as follows:

Traffic Violation Assessment (TV) charged on all moving violations in violation of Title 63

- \$90.50 Authorized by Section 99-19-73 (1)

Traffic Trauma Assessment (TT) charged in addition to Traffic Violation Assessment on all Speeding, Careless Driving and Reckless Driving offenses in violation of Title 63

- \$10.00 Authorized by Section 99-19-73 (5) for Speeding 10-20 MPH over the limit and Careless and Reckless Driving
- \$20.00 Authorized by Section 99-19-73 (5) for Speeding 20-30 MPH over the limit
- \$30.00 Authorized by Section 99-19-73 (5) for Speeding over 30 MPH over the limit

Other Misdemeanors Assessment (OM) charged on any non-moving violation (except parking violations), criminal misdemeanors and city code violations

- \$121.75 Authorized by Section 99-19-73 (6)

Implied Consent Assessment (IC) charged on all DUI offenses and Driving While License Suspended under the Implied Consent Law

- \$243.50 Authorized by Section 99-19-73 (2)

Ignition Interlock Device Fund

- \$50.00 Authorized by 63-11-31 is imposed when a defendant is *convicted* of violating Section 63-11-30 (DUI).
- \$250 Authorized by 63-11-31 is imposed when a defendant is *non-adjudicated* for violating Section 63-11-30 (DUI).

Wireless Radio Communication Fund Assessment (IWRCP)

- \$10.00 Authorized by Section 63-9-31 to be used to fund wireless radio equipment for the police department. It is only charged on moving violations in violation of Title 63.

Court Constituents (CC)

- \$0.50 authorized by Section 37-26-9 (4) charged on all violations in addition to the above assessments to fund the Court Constituents fund.

Crime Stoppers (CS)

- \$2.00 Authorized by Section 45-39-17 charged on all violations in addition to the above assessments to fund the DeSoto County Crime Stoppers.

Appearance Bond Fee Assessment (ABF)

- We charge an appearance bond fee assessment on all criminal cases where a bail bond was posted (either cash or surety). The assessment is 2% of the bail bond or a minimum of \$20.00 and is authorized by Section 83-39-31.

Victim Bond Fee Assessment (VBF)

- We charge a victim bond fee assessment on all criminal cases where a bail bond was posted (either cash or surety). The assessment is \$10.00 and is authorized by Section 83-39-31 (7)

Drug Violation Assessment (DV)

- \$27.00 Authorized by 99-19-73 (8)(b) is charged on all controlled substance law violations.

Additional Littering Assessment (ALA)

- \$50.00 Authorized by Section 97-15-29 is only imposed when a defendant is convicted of violating Section 97-15-29.

Children's Trust Fund Assessment (CTF)

- \$1,000.00 Authorized by Section 99-19-75 (1) is only imposed when a defendant is convicted of violating Section 97-3-65, 97-3-65 et seq. or 97-3-7 against a minor.

Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Assessment (HTF)

- \$1,000.00 Authorized by Section 99-19-75 (2) is only imposed when a defendant is convicted of violating Section 97-3-7 or 97-29-51

Court Assessment

- Finally, we charge a \$50.00 Court Assessment on all violations in addition to the assessments listed above. This assessment is authorized by Section 21-23-7 (11) and is used to offset the cost of operating the municipal court so as not to be a burden on the taxpayers of the municipality.