

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Boston, Massachusetts 02108

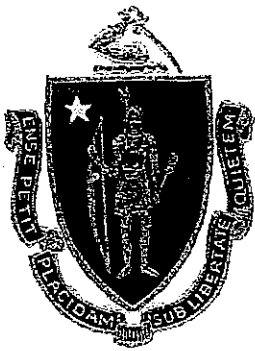
NOTICE OF APPROVAL

Notice is hereby given that the Supreme Judicial Court has approved and promulgated rules as further indicated below.

RALPH D. GANTS
Chief Justice

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1. Court Submitting Rules for Approval:
Court Administrator
 2. Date Rules Submitted for Approval:
August 11, 2016
 3. Date Approved & Promulgated by the Supreme Judicial Court:
September 28, 2016
 4. Rule or Rules, or Amendments Thereto, Approved and Promulgated:
Amendments to Uniform Schedule of Fees for the Trial Court, as attached.
 5. Effective Date:
November 1, 2016
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(The original of this notice is to be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the Commonwealth, and a copy to be sent by the Clerk to the court which requested approval of the rules.)



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE TRIAL COURT
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Harry Spence
Court Administrator

August 11, 2016

Hon. Robert J. Cordy
Supreme Judicial Court
John Adams Courthouse
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Dear Justice Cordy,

Pursuant to G.L. c. 262, §4B, I submit for review and approval the attached updated Uniform Schedule of Fees.

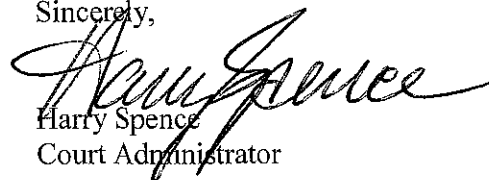
The updated Schedule includes three changes from the existing list of fees. The cost of unattested copies of court documents has been reduced from \$1 to \$.05. While the Trial Court is not covered by the recently passed Public Records statute, C. 121 of the Acts of 2016, the change in fee aligns the Trial Court with other entities of the Commonwealth and will reduce financial impediments to users of the court system.

Another change to the Schedule is the inclusion of a \$10 fee for Electronic Access to Audio Recordings of hearings. The Trial Court is in the process of implementing a state-of-the-art digital recording system that will allow online access to court proceedings. The creation of this fee recognizes this technology. Also to meet changes in technology and in anticipation of expanded use of digital records, a fee for documents in a pdf format is being instituted.

In addition, we propose a language change to the fee relative to "Unattested copy..." in order to align this description with language in Rule 2(h) of the Proposed Trial Court Rules on Public Access to Court Records by including a "printout" in that description.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me, if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,


Harry Spence
Court Administrator

cc: Hon. Ralph D. Gants, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court
Hon. Paula M. Carey, Chief Justice of the Trial Court

UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF FEES Pursuant to G.L., Chapter 262, Section 4B

DESCRIPTION of FEE	CURRENT FEE AMOUNT	PROPOSED FEE AMOUNT
Certificate of orders, decrees, rulings, judgments or other proceedings	\$20.00	\$20.00
Attested copy of court documents, records including docket sheets and other papers in possession and under the control of the clerk, register or recorder, per page	\$2.50	\$2.50
Unattested copy or print out of court documents, records or other papers in possession and under the control of the clerk, register or recorder, per page	\$1.00	\$0.05
Blank summons (other than any summons in a small claims action or incident to a petition for victim compensation) or blank writ (except habeas corpus)	\$5.00	\$5.00
Blank subpoena for one or more witnesses	\$5.00	\$5.00
Writ of habeas corpus	\$15.00	\$15.00
Each order of notice, citation or precept in District, Probate & Family and BMC Court Departments	\$15.00	\$15.00
Transcript of judgment	\$50.00	\$50.00
Recording of notarial commission	\$15.00	\$15.00
Certification of notarized document to be used in another state or country	\$5.00	\$5.00
Taking and recording a recognizance under G.L. c. 256	\$20.00	\$20.00
Approval or disapproval of sureties on bonds or recognizances (but not for approval of appeal or removal bonds filed in small claims or other civil actions	\$20.00	\$20.00
Compact Disk or tape cassette recordings of proceedings, per 90 minutes or portion thereof	\$50.50 (plus postage)	\$50.50 (plus postage)
Commissions to take depositions	\$20.00	\$20.00
Waivers of notice of marriage in the Departments of the Trial Court where no statutory filing fee is applicable	\$50.00	\$50.00
Utility company warrants under G.L.c. 164, §116	\$15.00	\$15.00
Affidavit of creditors under G.L.c. 224, § 6	\$25.00	\$25.00
Notice to creditor of debtor's desire for examination under G.L.c. 224, § 6	\$20.00	\$20.00
Electronic Access to audio recording of court case (hearing) per case, per day. Multi day hearings are \$10.00 per day	N/A	\$10.00
PDF or other electronically formatted document	N/A	\$5.00 (plus \$4 if CD is mailed)