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Arizona Supreme Court - Administrative Office of the Courts

CIVIL FILING FEE INCREASE TO TAKE EFFECT MARCH 18, 2013

Phoenix, Arizona - The policy-making body for the Arizona Judicial Branch, the Arizona Judicial Council, has approved a 5% increase in civil filing fees for justice and superior courts. The increase will go into effect on March 18, 2013.

The last filing fee increase was enacted by the state legislature in 2007. As part of the 2007 law, statutes were changed to authorize the Judicial Branch to review and increase civil filing fees periodically, in amounts not to exceed the consumer price index (CPI.)

The Arizona Judicial Council recently reviewed filing fees, and in recognition of a still recovering economy, a 5% increase will be enacted, which is substantially less than the 9% CPI increase since 2007.

Additional information may be found in the following documents:

- Administrative Order amending the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration §3-404 for the Superior Courts:
<http://www.azcourts.gov/Portals/22/admorder/orders12/AO2012-111.pdf>
- Administrative Order amending the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration and §4-303 for the Justice Courts:
<http://www.azcourts.gov/Portals/22/admorder/orders12/AO2012-110.pdf>
- Arizona Revised Statute §§ 12-284(L) and 22-281(F) provide for increases to civil filing fees. Statutes may be found at <http://www.azleg.gov/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp>

Parties should also contact the Clerk of Court's office or web site in their local jurisdiction, for a fee schedule, which will reflect any other applicable local fees. Visit www.azcourts.gov/AZCourts/AZCourtsLocator.aspx for information on local courts.

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