



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 05/07/2024

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE THE MISDEMEANOR ATTORNEY FEE
SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court receive and file the Misdemeanor Attorney Fee Schedule, in accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 26.05(b).

BACKGROUND

Code of Criminal Procedure Article 26.05(b) states that "all payments made under this article shall be paid in accordance with a schedule of fees adopted by formal action of the judges of the county courts, statutory county courts, and district courts trying criminal cases in each county. On adoption of a schedule of fees, as provided by this subsection, a copy of the schedule shall be sent to the Commissioners Court of the County".

On April 3, 2024, the Tarrant County Criminal Courts filed the Misdemeanor Indigent Defense plan with the State of Texas. Incorporated within the plans is the changed fee schedule.

FISCAL IMPACT

In FY 2024, the County Criminal Courts are projected to expend \$4.7 million in indigent defense counsel fees. This change in fee schedule will not impact the cost per case for the County Criminal Courts.

SUBMITTED BY:	Criminal Courts	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	J. Gregory Shugart J. Gregory Shugart
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