



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 03/21/2023

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO WAIVE TARRANT COUNTY FILING FEES FOR QUALIFIED CANDIDATES DURING THE EXPUNCTION/NON-DISCLOSURE CLINIC**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court waive Tarrant County filing fees for qualified candidates through the expunction/non-disclosure clinic held on April 1, 2023. This waiver is requested for local court filing fees to the greatest extent permitted by law.

BACKGROUND

With the approval of this request, the L. Clifford Davis Legal Association will again sponsor an Expunction/Non-Disclosure Clinic. All potential applicants must submit an application which includes a completed Intake Questionnaire and Financial Statement. In-person and online applications are available. Online applications must be submitted on April 1, 2023, only, to be considered. Volunteer staff and attorneys will prescreen applications for eligibility. Approved applicants will be contacted by May 1, 2023, to complete the Petition for Expunction or Nondisclosure.

Certain court costs may be waived for approved applicants who qualify under financial eligibility guidelines determined by the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. Other approved applicants who do not meet financial eligibility guidelines must pay all regular court and filing costs. Required payment, if any, must be paid on June 10, 2023.

An itemization of the specific fees which the Commissioners Court may waive in its capacity as the administrator of the funds into which the fees are deposited is as follows:

- Court Reporter Service Fund, per Government Code section 51.601;
- County Law Library Fund, per Local Government Code section 323.023;
- Courthouse Security Fund, per Code of Criminal Procedure 102.017;
- County Dispute Resolution Fund, per Local Government Code section 135.157.

It is estimated this action will waive \$95.00 in filing fees for each case or approximately forty-five (45%) of the total local filing fee required by Local Government Code section 135.101.

FISCAL IMPACT

The County's portion of these court costs is \$95.00 per case. The County's fiscal impact will be determined by the number of cases expunged for individuals who meet the financial eligibility guidelines.

SUBMITTED BY:	Administrator's Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Russell Schaffner
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