



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 06/06/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF EXCEPTIONS TO FEE SCHEDULE FOR COURT INTERPRETERS**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve exceptions to Tarrant County’s fee schedule for interpreters appointed by Criminal Courts.

**BACKGROUND**

On December 8, 1988, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #79732, established an amount of \$50.00 per hour for court interpreters. On November 17, 2020, through Court Order #134246, the hourly rate for court interpreters was increased to \$100.00 per hour. Interpreter fees incurred prior to November 17, 2020, will adhere to the \$50.00 per hour rate.

One or more criminal court(s) required interpreter service exceeding the limit set by this Court Order.

1. Sonia Couillard  
A. Re: Cause No. 1560709 – Juan Jesus Alvarez  
\$95.00 per hour – 36 hours plus 8 hours cancellation (01/19/2023 – 01/26/2023);  
Invoice #MLCI2229  
Honorable Andy Porter, Criminal District Court No. 4
2. Tan Than  
A. Re: Cause No. 1716269; 1725913; 1724914; 1725915; 1758535 – Loc Nguyen  
\$150.00 per hour – 10.5 hours (12/07/2022 – 01/26/2023)  
Honorable Elizabeth Beach, Criminal District Court No. 1
3. Michael Strain & Associates  
A. Re: Cause No. 1646536; 1646571; 1646539 – Ariel Perez  
\$150.00 per hour – 2 hours (05/27/2022 and 10/11/2022); Invoice #7007119  
Honorable Steven Jumes, 485th District Court
4. Roel Elizalde Jr.  
A. Re: Cause No. 1736036 – Jose Paz  
\$300.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum (01/13/2023); Invoice #6514126  
Honorable Steven Jumes, 485th District Court  
B. Re: Cause No. 1743532 – Luis Angel Nolasco Gaspar  
\$300.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum (01/13/2023); Invoice #6514126  
Honorable Ryan Hall, 371st District Court

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Mgmt	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Claudia J. Del Toro Castro Helen Giese
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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There will be no additional fiscal impact. Budgeted funds are available in the department's budget.