



# COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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

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DATE: 10/17/2023

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE THE MISDEMEANOR ATTORNEY FEE  
SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE 26.05(B)**

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

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court receive and file the Misdemeanor Attorney Fee Schedule for County Criminal Courts, effective September 20, 2023, 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 September 20, 2023, the County Criminal Courts revised the Misdemeanor Attorney Fee Schedule as attached.

On September 25, 2023, the Tarrant County Criminal Courts filed the Misdemeanor Indigent Defense plans with the State of Texas. Incorporated within the plans is the changed fee schedule.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

In FY 2023, the County Criminal Courts expend \$5.2 M in attorney fees. This change in fee schedule will not impact the cost per case for the county criminal courts

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