

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

**President Judge Administrative Order
No. 2008-01**

In re: Increase in Prothonotary Fees Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(4)

ORDER

AND NOW, this 16th day of December, 2008, pursuant to the Prothonotary Fee Bill, Act 81 of 2006, 42 Pa.C.S. § 1725 (c)(4), which authorizes the Prothonotary to increase the fees or charges set forth in Section 1725 (c)(3) consistent with the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Workers for the immediate three years preceding the increase, the Court takes Judicial notice that the total CPI increase for 2005, 2006 and 2007 is ten (10%) percent,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Prothonotary of Philadelphia is ordered to increase the fees set forth in Section 1725 (c)(3) by ten (10%) percent effective January 5, 2009.

This Administrative Order shall be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. The original Administrative Order shall be filed with the Prothonotary in a docket maintained for Administrative Orders issued by the President Judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court, and copies shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and the Legislative Reference Bureau. Copies of the Administrative Order shall be submitted to American Lawyer Media, *The Legal Intelligencer*, Jenkins Memorial Library and the Law Library for the First Judicial District, and shall be posted on the website of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania: <http://courts.phila.gov>.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Honorable Louis J. Presenza

HONORABLE LOUIS J. PRESENZA
President Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court

First Judicial District of Pennsylvania

2009 Prothonotary Fee Schedule

The following Schedule itemizes the fees the Prothonotary of Philadelphia County is required to collect pursuant to the Prothonotary's Fee Bill, effective Monday, January 5, 2009.

As authorized by 42 Pa. C.S. §1725(c)(4), the filing fees reflect an increase of ten (10%) percent, which represents the CPI increase for 2005, 2006 and 2007.

MUNICIPAL COURT

A. COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION

1. CIVIL ACTIONS - (with at least one defendant who resides outside of Philadelphia)

(a) Requested relief - From \$0 to \$2000 \$ 37.50*

(1) Base Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(i)	\$22.00
(2) Indexing Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(vi)	(see below)*
(3) Automation Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(xvi)	5.50
(4) J.C.P./A.T.J. Fee	42.Pa. C.S. § 3733 (a.1)	10.00
(5) Service Fee		(see below)+

(b) Requested relief - From \$2001 to 10,000 \$59.50*

(1) Base Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(ii)	\$44.00
(2) J.C.P./A.T.J. Fee	42.Pa. C.S. § 3733 (a.1)	10.00
(3) Automation Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(xvi)	5.50
(4) Indexing Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(vi)	(see below)*
(5) Service Fee		(see below)+

2. CIVIL ACTIONS - (with one defendant a resident of Philadelphia)

(a) Requested relief - From \$0 to \$2000 \$64.50*

(1) Base Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(i)	\$22.00
(2) Indexing Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(vi)	(see below)*
(3) Automation Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(xvi)	5.50
(4) Service Fee (see below) +		27.00
(5) J.C.P./A.T.J. Fee	42.Pa. C.S. § 3733 (a.1)	10.00

(b) Requested relief - From \$2001 to \$10,000 \$86.50*

(1) Base Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(ii)	\$44.00
(3) Automation Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(xvi)	5.50
(4) Indexing Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(vi)	(see below)*
(2) J.C.P./A.T.J. Fee	42.Pa. C.S. § 3733 (a.1)	10.00
(5) Service Fee (see below) +		27.00*

(3) LANDLORD TENANT COMPLAINTS

(a) Requested relief - From \$0 to \$2,000 \$64.50*

(1) Base Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(iii)	\$22.00
(2) Indexing Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(vi)	(see below)*

(3) Automation Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(xvi)	5.50
(4) J.C.P./A.T.J. Fee	42.Pa. C.S. § 3733 (a.1)	10.00
(5) Service Fee+		27.00

(b) Requested relief - From \$2,001 to \$10,000 \$86.50*

(1) Base Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(iv)	\$44.00
(2) Indexing Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(vi)	(see below)*
(3) Automation Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(xvi)	5.50
(4) J.C.P./A.T.J. Fee	42.Pa. C.S. § 3733 (a.1)	10.00
(5) Service Fee (see below)+		27.00*

(c) Requested relief - Over \$10,000 \$108.50

(1) Base Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(v)	\$66.00
(2) Indexing Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(vi)	(see below)*
(3) Automation Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(xvi)	5.50
(4) J.C.P./A.T.J. Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 3733 (a.1)	10.00
(5) Service Fee (see below) +		27.00

NOTE: the following additional fees will be assessed as applicable:

***\$ 5.00 to index each additional party (other than husband and wife).**

+\$45.00 per defendant for Service within Pennsylvania, but outside Philadelphia.

+\$27.00 per defendant for Service in Philadelphia

B. OTHER

(1) Indexing – per additional party	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(vi)	<u>\$ 5.50</u>
(2) Writ of Possession	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(vii)	<u>\$ 4.40+</u>
(3) Petitions		<u>\$14.30*</u>
(a) Base Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(viii)	\$11.00
(b) Automation Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(xvi)	2.20
(c) Record Retention	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(xv)	1.10
(4) Subpoena	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(xiii)	<u>\$ 3.30</u>
(5) Writ of Revival	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(3)(xiv)	<u>\$ 6.60+</u>
(6) Certification Fee	42 Pa.C.S. § 1725(c)(2)(ii)	<u>\$29.70</u>
(7) Additional Defendant Filing, Counterclaim, Cross-claim, and Set offs		
Same as initial Filing Fee.		

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+\$45.00 per defendant for Service within Pennsylvania, but outside Philadelphia.

+\$27.00 per defendant for Service in Philadelphia.

Date: December 22, 2008

Joseph H. Evers
Prothonotary of Philadelphia County