

ORDINANCE NO. 13 - 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 7-2002, AND 8-2000 SERIES RELATING TO THE FISCAL COURT FILING FEES IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

WHEREAS, the 2000 General Assembly provided in the Judicial Branch Budget Bill (HB 577) for fiscal courts to assess additional filing fees and costs in Circuit and District courts in civil and criminal cases; and

WHEREAS, The Franklin County Fiscal Court recognizes that the expenses associated with Court House operations, bonds related to them and the Court of Justice continue to rise; and

WHEREAS; The Franklin County Fiscal Court routinely needs additional funds to pay for maintenance, upkeep, and measures to keep the facility in good order for the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Additional Fees in Circuit Court:

- (A) In Circuit civil cases, a fee of \$25 will be added to the filing fees.
- (B) In Circuit criminal cases, a fee of \$25 will be added to the court costs that the defendant is required to pay.
- (C) In civil cases that are appealed from Circuit Court to the Court of Appeals, a fee of \$25 will be added to the filing fees.

SECTION II. Additional Fees in District Court:

- (A) In all traffic offenses, a fee of \$10 will be added to the court costs for each traffic offense.
- (B) In misdemeanor cases, a cost of \$20 will be added to the court costs.
- (C) In District civil cases a fee of \$10 will be added to all filing fees.

Section III. Fee Collections:

The Franklin Circuit Clerk will collect fees and forward such fees to the Finance and Administration Cabinet for disbursement to the Franklin County Fiscal Court. This ordinance originally became effective on August 1, 2000.

SECTION IV. CODIFICATION. The provisions of Section I, II, and III of this ordinance shall be published as appropriate in the Franklin County Code of Ordinances as soon as practicable.

SECTION V: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, part of provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then it is expressly provided and it is intention of the Franklin County Fiscal Court in passing this Ordinance that its parts shall be severable and all other parts of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and they shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION VI. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

INTRODUCED AND GIVEN FIRST READING IN SUMMARY at a duly convened meeting of the Fiscal Court of Franklin County, Kentucky, held on the 13th day of May, 2026.

GIVEN SECOND READING AND ADOPTED at a duly convened meeting of the record in Fiscal Court of Franklin County, Kentucky, held on the 10 day of June, 2026 and record in Fiscal Court Order Book 37, Page 224.



Michael Mueller
Franklin County Judge/Executive



Kim Cox
Fiscal Court Clerk