



## WAUKESHA MUNICIPAL COURT

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Judge Lori J. Fabian

DATE: March 25, 2026

TO: Shawn Reilly, Mayor  
Anthony W. Brown, City Administrator  
Brian Running, City Attorney  
Members of the Common Council

FROM: Lori J. Fabian, Judge

RE: Increasing Court Cost

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The legislative in 2025 Act 113 (AB 443) increases the range of court costs that may be charged by a Municipal Court under Wis. Stats. §814.65; the new range is \$15 to \$48.

Currently, the court cost is \$38.00 (\$33.00 for City and \$5.00 for State.) This has been in effect since February 2014. The legislature has now raised the fee to the maximum of \$48.00 (\$43.00 for City and \$5.00 for State), and this fee is 100% returnable to the municipality to be used exclusively for the operation of the Municipal Court.

Sec. 800.03(3) of the Statutes gives the court exclusive power to establish a bond schedule and submit that for approval to the Common Council. The Court is requesting that the bond schedule be increased by \$10.00 to be in compliance with Act 113, which allows for this increase. This increase would be applicable to citations issued on or after **March 22, 2026**. We are requesting Council approval to this increase.

If there are any questions, I am always available to discuss these matters and to assist.

