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Monroe County

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IMPORTANT CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

Monroe County, Georgia will implement new filing fees and an increased jurisdictional limit for its Magistrate Court effective January 1, 2027.

The changes include a new $10.00 Technology Fee added to civil filings and an increase in the maximum dollar amount for small claims and garnishments handled by the court.

UPDATED FILING FEES

The $10.00 Technology Fee will adjust the total filing costs as follows:

$123.00 Total Fee (Includes $73.00 plus Sheriff's Service $50.00)

- *Dispossessory (Eviction)*
- *Garnishment*
- *Foreclosure*
- *Statement of Claim (Civil Suit)*

$59.00 Total Fee (Filing Fee Only)

- Abandoned Vehicle

INCREASED JURISDICTION LIMIT – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

Pursuant to §O.C.G.A 15-10-2.5, the monetary cap on certain cases the Magistrate Court can hear is increasing:

- **New Limit: $25,000** (up from the previous $15,000 limit)
- **Applies to:** Garnishments and Civil Claims (Statements of Claim)