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## **MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE COST CODE TABLE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011**

Act 96 of 2010 renews and extends the requirement for annual court cost increases which was first provided for by Act 167 of 1992, and more recently by Act 113 of 2001. The annual increases in court costs are based upon the increases in the Consumer Price Index. The applicable increase for this period is 2.7%. The regulation amounts have been rounded to the next fifty cents for purposes of accounting and operational efficiency. Following this page is the new cost table that includes the cost code amounts for 2008 through 2011.

After January 1st, you must cancel the existing costs on a case before you can change the issue date or file date to a date prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you try to change the date without canceling the existing costs, you will receive an error message "Issue (File) date may not be changed. First cancel cost XX." (XX is the cost type maintained on the case.)

If an officer writes old costs on a citation after January 1st, you can use the cost type C0 (C Zero). When you enter the citation, answer the question "Do Statute Descrs. & Amts. Match Initial Charge (Y/N)" with N for No. To enter costs on the case, access the Maintain Costs screen and enter the cost type "C0." You will then receive a screen where you fill in the old costs as they appear on the citation. You can use the cost table to confirm the correct cost code amounts.

*On November 23, 2010, Act 114 of 2010 (HB 2172) was signed into law, effective January 22, 2011 which increases the jurisdiction in Magisterial District Courts in civil and landlord tenant matters from claims not exceeding \$8,000 to those not exceeding \$12,000. While the Act does not specifically amend 42 Pa.C.S. Section 1725.1(a) to provide a cost in these new matters (those claims involving \$8,001 to \$12,000), it is our understanding that the General Assembly did not intend to create new classes of cases in Magisterial District Courts that could be filed without the prepayment of these statutory costs. Therefore, the Statutory Construction Act provides authority to interpret Act 114 as permitting costs to be charged for the filing of these new matters. Specifically, Magisterial District Courts should charge in these new matters the same costs that are applicable to actions between \$4,001 and \$8,000. Thus, a court should charge in landlord tenant matters involving claims of \$8,001 to \$12,000 a cost of \$117.50 and in civil matters involving claims of \$8,001 to \$12,000 a cost of \$117.50.*

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As a reminder, the following list shows the date rules for how the MDJS determines the amount of costs and fees.

JCP	FILE date
ATJ	FILE date
MCRE (Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Fund)	OFFENSE date
EMS (Emergency Medical Services)	OFFENSE date
COMM-CST1 (Commonwealth Cost)	FILE date
COMM-COST (Commonwealth Cost)	FILE date
CTY (County Cost)	FILE date
COMM-VWS (Victim Witness Services)	OFFENSE date
COMM-CVC (Crime Victims Compensation)	OFFENSE date
COMM-DVC (Domestic Violence)	DISPOSITION date
C18 COMM-COST/COMM-CST1/CTY (Pedacycle)	OFFENSE date
CA5 CTY (Motor Vehicle Case Hearing Cost)	FILE date
CA14 CETA (Constable Education Training Act)	OFFENSE date
CA11 COMM-CLUF (Lab Fees – State Police)	OFFENSE date
CA12 CTY (Lab Fees – Allegheny County)	OFFENSE date
CA15 COMM-CVC/COM-VWS (Youth Diversionary Program)	OFFENSE date
CA17 COMM-FETA (Firearm Education and Training Fund)	OFFENSE date
CA25 02-301 (MCRE Surcharge-Pittsburgh Municipal Court)	OFFENSE date

\*\*\*\*\*WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY CONTACT YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENTS, PARKING AUTHORITIES, AND FREQUENT CIVIL FILERS TO INFORM THEM OF THE NEW COST AMOUNTS AND DATE RULES THAT BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011

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## MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE COST CODE TABLE

		2008	2009	2010	2011	DESCRIPTION
C0	COMM-COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	COSTS
	COMM-CST1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	INCONSISTENT
	CTY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	WITH STATUTORY
	COMM-CVC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	COSTS
	COMM-CCD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	COMM-DVC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	COMM-VWS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
C1	COMM-COST	\$7.35	\$7.65	\$7.65	\$7.90	SUMMARY CASE, MOTOR
	COMM-CST1	7.35	7.65	7.65	7.90	VEHICLE
	CTY	<u>18.30</u>	<u>19.20</u>	<u>19.20</u>	<u>19.70</u>	
		33.00	34.50	34.50	35.50	
C2	COMM-COST	\$7.35	\$7.65	\$7.65	\$7.90	SUMMARY CASE,
	COMM-CST1	7.35	7.65	7.65	7.90	NOT MOTOR VEHICLE
	CTY	<u>27.30</u>	<u>28.20</u>	<u>28.20</u>	<u>29.20</u>	
		42.00	43.50	43.50	45.00	
C3	COMM-COST	\$10.30	\$10.65	\$10.75	\$11.00	MISDEMEANOR
	COMM-CST1	8.90	9.15	9.25	9.40	
	CTY	<u>28.80</u>	<u>29.70</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.60</u>	
		48.00	49.50	50.00	51.00	
C4	COMM-COST	\$11.75	\$12.30	\$12.30	\$12.60	FELONY
	COMM-CST1	17.60	18.40	18.40	18.90	
	CTY	<u>25.65</u>	<u>26.80</u>	<u>26.80</u>	<u>27.50</u>	
		55.00	57.50	57.50	59.00	
C5	COMM-COST	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	TITLE 30, FISH
	CTY	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	(SUMMARY
		10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	CASES)
C6	COMM-COST	\$7.35	\$7.65	\$7.65	\$7.90	SUMMARY CASE
	COMM-CST1	7.35	7.65	7.65	7.90	TITLE 18 OR 35
	CTY	27.30	28.20	28.20	29.20	(CONTROLLED
	COMM-CVC	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	SUBSTANCES
	COMM-DVC	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	ACT ONLY) ADULT ONLY
	COMM-VWS	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	
		112.00	113.50	113.50	115.00	
C7	COMM-COST	\$10.30	\$10.65	\$10.75	\$11.00	MISDEMEANOR, TITLE 18 OR 35
	COMM-CST1	8.90	9.15	9.25	9.40	(CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT
	CTY	28.80	29.70	30.00	30.60	ONLY) ADULT
	COMM-CVC	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	
	COMM-DVC	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	
	COMM-VWS	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	
		118.00	119.50	120.00	121.00	

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						DESCRIPTION
		2008	2009	2010	2011	
C8	COMM-COST	\$11.75	\$12.30	\$12.30	\$12.60	FELONY, TITLE 18
	COMM-CST1	17.60	18.40	18.40	18.90	OR 35
	CTY	25.65	26.80	26.80	27.50	(CONTROLLED
	COMM-CVC	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	SUBSTANCES
	COMM-DVC	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	ACT ONLY)
	COMM-VWS	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	ADULT
		125.00	127.50	127.50	129.00	
C10	COMM-COST	\$3.70	\$3.85	\$3.85	\$3.95	CIVIL ACTION OF
	COMM-CST1	14.65	15.35	15.35	15.65	\$100 OR LESS
	CTY	<u>25.65</u>	<u>26.80</u>	<u>26.80</u>	<u>27.40</u>	
			44.00	46.00	46.00	47.00
C11	COMM-COST	\$7.35	\$7.70	\$7.70	\$7.85	CIVIL ACTION OF
	COMM-CST1	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.75	MORE THAN \$100
	CTY	<u>25.65</u>	<u>26.80</u>	<u>26.80</u>	<u>27.40</u>	BUT NOT MORE
			44.00	46.00	46.00	47.00
C12	COMM-COST	\$11.00	\$11.50	\$11.50	\$11.75	CIVIL ACTION OF
	COMM-CST1	7.35	7.70	7.70	7.85	MORE THAN \$300
	CTY	<u>25.65</u>	<u>26.80</u>	<u>26.80</u>	<u>27.40</u>	BUT NOT MORE
			44.00	46.00	46.00	47.00
C13	COMM-COST	\$14.75	\$15.25	\$15.25	\$15.75	CIVIL ACTION OF
	COMM-CST1	14.75	15.25	15.25	15.75	MORE THAN \$500
	CTY	<u>29.50</u>	<u>30.50</u>	<u>30.50</u>	<u>31.50</u>	BUT NOT MORE
			59.00	61.00	61.00	63.00
C13A	COMM-COST	\$14.70	\$15.30	\$15.30	\$15.70	CIVIL ACTION OF
	COMM-CST1	29.40	30.60	30.60	31.40	MORE THAN \$2,000
	CTY	<u>29.40</u>	<u>30.60</u>	<u>30.60</u>	<u>31.40</u>	BUT NOT MORE
			73.50	76.50	76.50	78.50
C13B	COMM-CST1	\$73.35	\$76.35	\$76.35	\$78.35	CIVIL ACTION OF
	CTY	<u>36.65</u>	<u>38.15</u>	<u>38.15</u>	<u>39.15</u>	MORE THAN \$4,000
			110.00	114.50	114.50	117.50
						THAN \$8,000 <i>(The maximum Amount increases to \$12,000 effective 1/22/2011)</i>
C13C	COMM-COST	\$14.65	\$15.35	\$15.35	\$15.70	LANDLORD/TENANT
	COMM-CST1	14.65	15.35	15.35	15.70	ACTION OF LESS
	CTY	<u>36.70</u>	<u>38.30</u>	<u>38.30</u>	<u>39.10</u>	THAN \$2,000
			66.00	69.00	69.00	70.50

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		2008	2009	2010	2011	DESCRIPTION
C13D	COMM-COST	\$14.65	\$15.25	\$15.25	\$15.75	LANDLORD/TENANT ACTION OF MORE THAN \$2,000 BUT NOT MORE THAN \$4,000
	COMM-CST1	21.95	22.90	22.90	23.60	
	CTY	<u>43.90</u>	<u>45.85</u>	<u>45.85</u>	<u>47.15</u>	
		80.50	84.00	84.00	86.50	
C13E	COMM-CST1	\$51.30	\$51.45	\$53.45	\$54.85	LANDLORD/TENANT ACTION OF MORE THAN \$4,000 BUT NOT MORE THAN \$8,000 ( <i>The maximum amount increases to \$12,000 effective 1/22/2011</i> )
	CTY	<u>58.70</u>	<u>61.05</u>	<u>61.05</u>	<u>62.65</u>	
		110.00	114.50	114.50	117.50	
C14	CTY	\$37.00	\$38.50	\$38.50	\$39.50	MARRIAGE
C15	CTY	\$15.00	\$15.50	\$15.50	\$16.00	PROTECTION FROM ABUSE**
C16	CTY	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	NOTARY FEES
C17	CTY	\$15.00	\$15.50	\$15.50	\$16.00	MISCELLANEOUS ISSUANCES
C18	COMM-COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	SUMMARY CASE PEDALCYCLE
	COMM-CST1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	CTY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
C19	COMM-COST	\$7.35	\$7.65	\$7.65	\$7.90	SUMMARY CASE, TITLE 18 OR 35 (CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT ONLY), JUVENILE ONLY AND ALL STATUTES LISTED BELOW*
	COMM-CST1	7.35	7.65	7.65	7.90	
	CTY	27.30	28.20	28.20	29.20	
	COMM-CVC	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	
	COMM-VWS	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	
	102.00	103.50	103.50	105.00		
C20	COMM-COST	\$10.30	\$10.65	\$10.75	\$11.00	MISDEMEANOR, TITLE 18 OR 35 (CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT ONLY), JUVENILE ONLY AND ALL STATUTES LISTED BELOW*
	COMM-CST1	8.90	9.15	9.25	9.40	
	CTY	28.80	29.70	30.00	30.60	
	COMM-CVC	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	
	COMM-VWS	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	
	108.00	109.50	110.00	111.00		
C21	COMM-COST	\$11.75	\$12.30	\$12.30	\$12.60	FELONY, TITLE 18 OR 35 (CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT ONLY), JUVENILE ONLY AND ALL STATUTES LISTED BELOW*
	COMM-CST1	17.60	18.40	18.40	18.90	
	CTY	25.65	26.80	26.80	27.50	
	COMM-CVC	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	
	COMM-VWS	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	
	115.00	117.50	117.50	119.00		

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		2008	2009	2010	2011	DESCRIPTION
CA1	COMM-COST	\$14.65	\$15.35	\$15.35	\$15.75	ORDER OF EXECUTION
	COMM-CST1	7.35	7.65	7.65	7.90	
	CTY	<u>11.00</u>	<u>11.50</u>	<u>11.50</u>	<u>11.85</u>	
		33.00	34.50	34.50	35.50	
CA2	COMM-COST	\$7.50	\$7.75	\$7.75	\$8.00	OBJECTION TO LEVY
	CTY	<u>7.50</u>	<u>7.75</u>	<u>7.75</u>	<u>8.00</u>	
		15.00	15.50	15.50	16.00	
CA3	CTY	\$7.50	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	ENTERING TRANSCRIPT OF JUDGMENT FROM ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE MINOR JUDICIARY
CA4	CTY	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	ENTERING TRANSCRIPT ON APPEAL OR CERTIORARI
CA5	CTY	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	MOTOR VEHICLE CASE HEARING COST
CA6	CTY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	POSTAGE
CA7	COMM-COST	\$10.50	\$10.85	\$10.85	\$11.20	SEARCH WARRANT
	CTY	<u>4.50</u>	<u>4.65</u>	<u>4.65</u>	<u>4.80</u>	
		15.00	15.50	15.50	16.00	
CA8	COMM-CCCV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	VARIABLE CVC/VWS
CA9	CTY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	VARIABLE HEARING COST
CA10	COMM-PROB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	VARIABLE OSP COST
	CTY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
CA11	COMM-CLUF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	LAB FEES-STATE POLICE
CA12	CTY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	LAB FEES-ALLEGHENY COUNTY
CA13						PENDING
CA14	COMM-CETA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	CONSTABLE EDUCATION AND TRAINING
CA15	COMM-CVC	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	YOUTH DIVERSIONARY PROGRAM
	COMM-VWS	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	
		60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	
CA16	CTY	\$7.50	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	REINSTATEMENT
CA17	COMM-FETA	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	FIREARM EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUND

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		2008	2009	2010	2011	DESCRIPTION
CA18	COMM-SAE CTY	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION
CA19	02-301	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	CITATION FEE (PITTSBURGH MUNICIPAL COURT ONLY)
CA20	02-301	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE (PITTSBURGH MUNICIPAL COURT ONLY)
CA21	COMM-DNA	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	DNA DETECTION FUND**
CA22	CTY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	PROSECUTOR COST
CA23	COMM-DNA	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	DNA DETECTION FUND**
CA24	COMM-AAS	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	AMBER ALERT SYSTEM**
CA25	02-301	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	MCRE FUND SURCHARGE (PITTSBURGH MUNICIPAL COURT ONLY)
CA26	CTY	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	CHILD CARE ACT 105-2000**
CA27	COMM-CTA	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
CA28	COMM-CJEA	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	CRIMINAL JUSTICE ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT

**COST CODE KEY**

COMM-COST Commonwealth Cost  
 COMM-CST1 Commonwealth Cost 42 Pa.C.S. § 1725.1  
 CTY County Cost  
 COMM-CVC Crime Victims Compensation  
 COMM-VWS Victim Witness Services 18 P.S. § 11.1101  
 COMM-DVC Domestic Violence  
 COMM-CCCV Variable Amount to be Distributed CVC/VWS  
 COMM-PROB Offender Supervisory Programs (OSP)  
 COMM-CETA Constable Education Training Act  
 COMM-CLUF Crime Lab User Fee – State Police  
 COMM-FETA Firearm Education & Training Fund  
 COMM-SAE Substance Abuse Education  
 COMM-DNA DNA Detection Fund Act 185-2004  
 COMM-AAS Amber Alert System Act 153-2004  
 COMM-CJEA Criminal Justice Enhancement Act 30 -2007

\* 30 Pa.C.S. § 5502 30 Pa.C.S. § 5502.1 75 Pa.C.S. § 3731 75 Pa.C.S. § 3732  
 75 Pa.C.S. § 3735 75 Pa.C.S. § 3742 75 Pa.C.S. Chapter 38

\*\* Costs not collected by the Magisterial Court