ORDINANCE
O2026-010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CIVIL FEES PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 104-0468 AS DIRECTED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS COURTS

WHEREAS, Public Act 104-0468 was signed by the Governor on or about June 16, 2026 and unexpectantly modified certain fees and costs within the Circuit Courts; and

WHEREAS, within said Act, 705 ILCS 105/27.1(b)(a) was modified to increase the fee of filing civil actions (including cross claims and third-party claims) under Schedule 1 and 3 by $5; and

WHEREAS, within said Act, 705 ILCS 105/27.1(b)(b) was modified to increase the fee of Appearances in civil actions (including cross claims and third-party claims) under Schedule 1 and 2 by $5; and

WHEREAS, within said Act it was specifically stated that no fee may be charged for accounts filed for guardianships established for minors pursuant to Article XI of the Probate Act of 1975 or for disabled adults under Article XI(a) of the Probate Act of 1975, thus effectuating the repeal of the current $100 Guardianship and Advocacy Operations Fee; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 104-0468 went into effect on July 1, 2026, though notice was not given until August 3, 2026 by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts to the Courts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this section as if fully reinstated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in accordance with Public Act 104-0468 and the August 3, 2026 instructions by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, the DeKalb County Circuit Court fees and schedules are hereby modified as follows:

- Filing and Appearance Fees
    - Civil Filing Fee Schedule 1 and Schedule 3 are to increase by $5 pursuant to 705 ILCS 105/27.1b(a).
    - Civil Appearance Fee Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 are to increase by $5 pursuant to 705 ILCS 105/27.1b(b).

      This increase also applies to petitions, cross-petitions, and third-party claims that utilize the filing and appearance fee schedules indicated within the fee schedule.

      The $5 additional fee is to be paid to the Guardianship and Advocacy Fund held by the Illinois State Treasurer

- The $100 Guardianship and Advocacy Operations Fee involving the administration of the estate of a decedent (testate or intestate) or of a missing person is no longer to be collected pursuant to the repeal of 705 ILCS 105/27.3(f).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that to the extent any conflict exists within prior DeKalb County Ordinances and Resolutions, this Ordinance shall supersede them and said prior Resolutions and Ordinances are hereby repealed and replaced to the extent such conflict exists.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall be retroactively effective on July 1, 2026.

PASSED THIS 16th day of September, 2026 AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS.

ATTEST:

Tasha Sims
DeKalb County Clerk

SIGNED:

John Frieders
County Board Chairperson