

258. *Fees and costs chargeable in civil actions.*

(a) *Actions for debt or damages. Before any action for debt or damages shall be received by the Trial Magistrate, there shall be paid to such Magistrate or his clerk, for the use of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, a fee of \$5.00 plus \$2.50 for each defendant in excess of one. Such fee shall constitute the entire costs of docketing the case, issuance and service of summons for the defendant, trial, the entry of judgment, and order of dismissal or satisfaction.*

(b) *Fieri facias; garnishment; attachment. Before any request for fieri facias, garnishment or attachment shall be received by the Trial Magistrate, there shall be paid to such Magistrate or his clerk, for the use of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, a fee of \$6.00 plus \$3.00 for each levy in excess of one at a location different from that of the first. In addition, in any fieri facias or attachment, there shall be paid poundage fees as provided in Article 36, Section 25, of the Public General Laws. Such fees shall constitute the entire costs in any proceeding for fieri facias, garnishment or attachment.*

(c) *Landlord and tenant. Before any cases involving landlord and tenant, including cases of forcible entry or detainer, shall be received by the Trial Magistrate, there shall be paid to such Magistrate or his clerk, for the use of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, a fee of \$7.00. Such fee shall constitute the entire costs for docketing such case, issuance and service of summons for the defendant, trial, and entry of order of settlement or dismissal. Before any warrant of restitution or reentry is delivered to the Sheriff by the Trial Magistrate, an additional fee of \$5.00 shall be paid by the plaintiff for the execution thereof. This subsection shall not be construed to apply to fees and costs chargeable in distraint proceedings, for which specific provision is made in Article 53 of the Public General Laws of Maryland.*

(D) **RENEWAL OR PROCESS. WHEN A SUMMONS IS NOT SERVED UPON ANY DEFENDANT AND THE PLAINTIFF REQUESTS THE ISSUANCE OF A NEW SUMMONS, THERE SHALL BE PAID TO THE TRIAL MAGISTRATE OR HIS CLERK, FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, A FEE OF \$2.50 FOR EACH DEFENDANT TO BE SERVED.**

~~(d)~~ (E) *Summonses for witnesses. Before the Trial Magistrate shall issue summons for any witness, there shall be paid to such Magistrate or his clerk, for the use of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, a fee of \$1.00 for each witness for whom summons is to be issued.*

~~(e)~~ (F) *Extraordinary expenses. Any reasonable expenses incurred by any officer in taking into possession, removing, delivering, storing or selling any personal property in the course of his official duties shall also be chargeable as part of the costs of the proceeding.*

~~(f)~~ (G) *Award of costs. Any judgment rendered in any civil proceeding referred to in this section shall include the fees and costs provided in this section.*