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PRESS RELEASE

18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT TRUSTEE TO INCREASE FEES

The 18th Judicial District Court Trustee will increase its fees by 0.5% effective February 1, 2026. K.S.A. 20-380 authorizes the Court Trustee to collect a fee, not to exceed 5% of support collected, to defray the office's operational expenses. The administrative costs of facilities, technological advancements and employment benefits have increased dramatically in the past number of years and the Office of the Court Trustee (a non-profit entity) is simply no longer able to sustain these administrative costs utilizing the current fee structure.

Therefore, the Chief Judge of the 18th Judicial District, at the request of the Court Trustee, has authorized and ordered a 0.5% increase to the fee effective February 1, 2026.

The new fee amount continues to be comparable to the majority of the fees charged by other Trustees throughout Kansas, but less than the 5% allowed by statute. The goal is for the fee to continue to be charged equally to each party, making the effective increase to each party 0.25% (one-quarter of one percent).

The impact to parties will be minimal, yet will allow the Trustee's office to continue to process the high volume of cases and maintain accurate records in the quality manner the public has come to expect.

Carl G. Wheeler
Court Trustee

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CASE NUMBER: SG-2025-MV-000944
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**IN THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

25-06

Pursuant to K.S.A. 20-380, effective February 1, 2026, and until further order of the Chief Judge, in order to defray the expenses of the court trustee's office, the Court Trustee is authorized to charge and collect a fee of 4.0% of the support collected from obligors through the office of the court trustee.

1. The fee shall be collected one-half from the obligor and one-half from the obligee, or 2.0% from each party
2. The fee shall be reflected on the child support worksheet for all cases, except for those designated as IV-D.
3. For all orders entered prior to February 1, 2026, and enforced by the Court Trustee, in order that any increase in the fee is not paid 100% from the funds of the Obligee parent, the Court Trustee is authorized to increase the Income Withholding Order to reflect the Obligor parent's portion of the additional fee.
4. All support payments shall continue to be paid through the Kansas Payment Center pursuant to statute and local rules.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



JEFFREY GOERING, CHIEF JUDGE
18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT