

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

In the Matter of:

ESTABLISHING SUMMARY CONSENT
DECREE FILING FEE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2024-130

WHEREAS the clerk of the superior court is authorized by statute to charge and collect various fees upon the initiation of a Family Court case, including the following as of the date of this Administrative Order: an initial case filing fee (A.R.S. § 12-284(A)); a document storage fund fee (A.R.S. § 12-284.01(C)); a conciliation court fee (A.R.S. § 12-284(E)); and a spousal maintenance fee (A.R.S. § 12-289(B)); and

WHEREAS Arizona statute provides for the filing of a combined petition and response for dissolution of marriage or legal separation known as a “summary consent decree” and further provides that “[t]he filing fee for the summary consent decree is fifty percent of the combined filing fee for a petition and answer, together with any additional filing fees assessed by the county.” See A.R.S. 25-314.01; and

WHEREAS the clerk of the superior court is authorized by various county resolutions to charge and collect a court automated services fee, a case management fee, an EDMS fund fee, and a docket fee (collectively, “County Filing Fees”); and

WHEREAS Rule 45.1(d)(4) of the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure provides that if the court allows a party to withdraw from a summary consent decree agreement before entry of the decree, “the case will continue as a dissolution or separation proceeding upon paying the additional required fees and filing the appropriate pleadings under Rule 23.”

IT IS ORDERED that effective December 28, 2024, upon filing of a combined petition and response for dissolution of marriage or legal separation (*i.e.*, summary consent decree), the County Filing Fees shall be assessed at fifty percent of the combined total of the additional filing fees assessed by the county for both a petition and answer for a dissolution of marriage or legal separation; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that effective December 28, 2024, if the court allows a party to withdraw from the summary consent decree agreement, the case will continue as a dissolution or separation proceeding upon (1) each party paying fifty percent of the

difference between (a) the total combined filing fees and County Filing Fees for the petition and answer for a dissolution of marriage or legal separation and (b) the summary consent decree fee, and (2) filing the appropriate pleadings under Rule 23.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2024.

/s/ Ronda R. Fisk
Hon. Ronda R. Fisk
Family Department Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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