

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Can I obtain forms to file my own divorce?

The District Clerk's office does not have forms to file for divorce, nor do we have any other legal forms. We cannot provide assistance in completing forms, nor can we give legal advice or answer legal questions.

PLEASE SEE THE SELF-HELP RESOURCES TAB

2. How do I contact the State Disbursement Unit regarding child support issues?

Texas State Disbursement Unit (SDU)

P.O. Box 659791

San Antonio, Texas 78265

(800) 252-8014

3. Who do I contact regarding a court hearing/setting date?

Amanda Cunningham, Court Coordinator

P.O. Box 167

Montague, Texas 76251

(940) 894-2006

97thcourtcoordinator@gmail.com

4. What is the procedure for requesting a search of names or case information?

We have computer terminal's available in our Lobby to be used for your Criminal and Civil research. You may conduct your search at no charge. Civil searches are \$5.00 per name. All searches must be requested in writing via email to mdc97@windstream.net and payment must be received prior to search. Criminal history searches can be conducted at the Texas Department of Public Safety at

<https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DpsWebsite/CriminalHistory/>

5. How do I contact the Attorney General's office?

The Attorney General's office which covers this area is located in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Their contact information is

Attorney General of Texas

2444 Sierra Drive Suite 600

Wichita Falls, Texas

(940) 322-2557

(800) 687-8205

Fax: 940-767-3335

6. What forms of payment are accepted in the District Clerk's office?

Cash, Cashier Checks, Money Orders, Credit Cards–Visa, Mastercard, or Discover
There is a convenience fee charged on each credit card transaction and charge is based on your payment amount.

7. Can I make partial payments for court costs on tax cases?

No, we do not accept partial payments—we must receive the full amount due.

8. How do I get copies of a court document?

You can obtain copies three ways: Either in person by coming into the office, by USPS mail, or by email. Copies are \$1.00 per page. If you need a Certified Copy, it is an additional \$1.00 charge per document. Your payment must be received prior to the documents going out.

9. Can I get copies of an adoption after it has been granted/sealed?

Once an adoption has been sealed, only the Judge can grant permission for copies. The District Clerk's office has a form that must be completed and presented to the Judge by the individual requesting copies. Contact the District Clerk's office for a copy of the needed form.

10. How can I contact the District Clerk's Office?

Robin Woods

Montague County District Clerk

101 E Franklin

P.O. Box 155

Montague, Texas 76251

Email: mdc97@windstream.net

(940) 894–2571

Fax: (940) 894–2066

Office Hours: 8am to 12Noon and 1pm to 5pm–Monday through Friday

E-FILING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General Information regarding E-Filing:

- American Express is NOT accepted.
- Court is NOT charging \$2 cost recovery fee
- Multiple lead documents per filing ARE allowed

1. Do I have to e-file?

Yes, pursuant to the Supreme Court Order dated December 11, 2012, directed to attorneys. Electronic filing requirements and exceptions are listed in the Supreme Court e-filing rules. Montague County was mandated to begin e-filing July 1, 2016.

2. Do I have to use an Electronic Filing Service Provider (EFSP)?

Yes. For a list of approved EFSP's go to <http://efiletexas.gov/>

3. My Motion requires a hearing date. How is that handled?

The Motion and Order must be e-filed in **SEPARATE** envelopes.

If you need to schedule a hearing, the preferred method is to contact the Court Coordinator prior to e-filing the Order. The Court Coordinator is Amanda Cunningham.

You can reach her at (940) 894-2066.

4. Is it necessary to file a Request For Process Form?

Yes, Montague County **DOES** require a request for Process Form. These are found at www.97thdistrictcourt.com under the Montague County Tab.

5. May I include more than one document for filing per submission?

Yes. Each document which requires a file-mark must be added as a separate **LEAD** document within a submission (envelope).

6. How do I e-file exhibits?

If exhibits are referenced in a document, they need to be scanned with that document. Otherwise, they need to be submitted as a lead document.

7. How do I submit Proposed Orders?

Use filing code "Order". If in proper form, your Order will be forwarded to the Judge. After the Judge signs the Order, it will receive a file-mark and an email notification will be sent through E-File Texas to contacts in the envelope.

8. What if I am filing a case with an Affidavit of Indigency or have been court-appointed to represent a litigant? How is that handled?

Please select the "Waiver" option for those instances when you are not required to submit fees.

9. What if I am unsure as to whether or not my document requires a filing fee?

Please call the District Clerk's office (940) 894-2571 prior to submission. This will prevent your submission from being rejected for "Improper/Insufficient Fees" or cause delays regarding issuances and/or service.

10. My document has two cause numbers listed. Do I need to submit the document twice?

Yes, you must submit the document into for each cause number.

11. Are Motions and Orders handled differently?

If you are e-filing a Motion for the first time and sending a corresponding Order, be sure to e-file in **SEPARATE ENVELOPES** to avoid the envelope being rejected. If you are submitting the Order and have previously filed the Motion, please do not send another copy of that same Motion.