



ST. CHARLES COUNTY
SHERIFF

Sheriff Scott A. Lewis

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Elam and Members of the St. Charles County Council
From: Sheriff Scott A. Lewis
Subj: Civil Process Fees *SL 100*
Date: 10-15-21
CC: Steve Ehlmann, County Executive
Joann Leykam, Director of Administration

The Missouri General Assembly passed Senate Bill - 53 (RSMo 57.280.5) that authorized the Sheriff to charge an additional \$50 on an eviction. Governor Parson signed the bill, and it became law effective August 28, 2021.

The relevant portion of the bill states: *"Sheriffs shall receive up to fifty dollars for service of any summons, writ, or other order of the court in connection with any eviction proceeding, in addition to the charge for such service that each sheriff receives under this section. All of such charges shall be received by the sheriff who is requested to perform the service and shall be paid to the county treasurer in a fund established by the county treasurer, which may be expended at the discretion of the sheriff for the furtherance of the sheriff's set duties. All charges shall be payable prior to the time the service is rendered; provided that if the amount of such charge cannot be readily determined, then the sheriff shall receive a deposit based upon the likely amount of such charge, and the balance of such charge shall be payable immediately upon ascertainment of the proper amount of said charge."*

I'm respectfully requesting the County Council to amend section 285.010 OSCCMo – St. Charles County Sheriff's Department Civil Process Fee Schedule and authorize the Sheriff to recover a portion of the cost associated with evictions.

Your favorable consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.