

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Place 1

CIVIL APPEALS

If the amount in controversy, exclusive of costs, exceeds \$200.00. a dissatisfied party may appeal the final judgment to the District Court.

APPEAL BOND:

A bond in an amount set by the Court is required to perfect the appeal. The appeal bond may be a cash bond or a surety bond. If the appellant is unable to post a bond, a pauper's affidavit may be filed in lieu of cash or surety.

DEADLINES:

Filing Pauper's Affidavit in lieu of bond	5 days from date judgment is signed
Appeal from Small Claims Court or Justice Court	10 days from date judgment or order overruling motion for new trial is signed
Appeal of Eviction case	5 days from date judgment is signed

FILING FEES IN ADDITION TO APPEAL BOND:

The cost to file an appeal with the Justice of the Peace is **\$10.00**. The District Clerk requires that the costs in the District Court be paid within 20 days of appeal. You must contact the District Clerk to determine the amount of these costs.

LAWS CONCERNING APPEAL:

To obtain detailed information regarding appeals, you may refer to the following sources in the **Texas Rules of Court, Rules of Civil Procedure:**

Small Claims and Justice Court Suits	Rules 571 – 573
Eviction Suits	Rules 749 - 752