

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

**NOTICE OF FINE AND FEE CHANGES
Effective January 1, 2009**

The Judicial Council of California has announced that new and changed fees, penalties and assessments for civil, criminal, traffic and minor offense cases will go into effect in the State's trial courts effective January 1, 2009.

These increases were authorized as part of Senate Bill 1407 approved by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor earlier this year. This legislation authorizes up to \$5 billion in a capital outlay program to fund repairs, renovations and replacement of court facilities across the State.

Civil Fee Changes

The new civil fees will be stated on the revised statewide civil fee schedule. The final version of the fee schedule will be posted to the local Court's website in mid-December at www.monterey.courts.ca.gov. The civil fee schedule will also be posted to the California Court's web site at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/feeschedule.htm.

Criminal, Traffic and Minor Offense Fine and Fee Changes

A summary of the new criminal, traffic and minor offense fine and fee changes are as follows:

- **Criminal Conviction Assessment (GC 70373)** - New fee assessed for each conviction on criminal, traffic and minor offense cases: \$35 for each traffic and minor offense case infraction conviction; \$30 for each criminal felony and misdemeanor conviction;
- **State Court Construction Penalty (GC 70372(a))** - Additional penalty assessment of \$2 for every \$10 of base fine on all criminal and traffic cases to increase funding for court construction activities. Monterey County Superior Court currently assesses \$3 for every \$10 for this funding and the increase of the new \$2 penalty assessment will bring the total funding to \$5 for every \$10 of base fine;
- **Traffic Violator School Fee (VC 42007.1)** - Traffic school fees increase from \$24 to \$49. Monterey will also continue to assess an additional \$10 administrative fee for traffic school processing; therefore, the total combined traffic school fees increase from \$34 (\$24 plus \$10) to \$59 (\$49 plus \$10);
- **Proof-of-Correction Fee (VC 40611)** - Fee increases from \$10 per citation to \$25 per violation.

Monterey County Superior Court will begin assessing and collecting the new civil, criminal, traffic and minor offense fines and fees effective January 1, 2009.