

Rule 356. Fees**Rule 356.01 Collection of Fees**

The court administrator shall charge and collect fees pursuant to Minnesota Statutes. Fees must be paid, or a fee waiver granted, 7 days in advance of the scheduled hearing.

(Amended effective November 22, 2023.)

Advisory Committee Comment - 2023 Amendments

Rule 356.01 is modified in 2023 to require an approved fee waiver or payment of fees 7 days prior to a hearing to allow court staff time to remove cases from the calendar that are not going to be able to proceed due to failure of payment.

Rule 356.02 Waiver of Fees

If a party indicates an inability to pay any fee required under Rule 356.01, the court administrator shall explain that the party may apply for permission to proceed without payment of the fee. Upon request, the court administrator shall provide to such a party an application to proceed in forma pauperis. If a party signs and submits to the court administrator an application to proceed without payment of the fee, and such a request to waive the fee is approved by a child support magistrate or other judicial officer, the court administrator shall not charge and collect the fee.

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Advisory Committee Comment - 2023 Amendments

Rule 356.02 is modified in 2023 to recognize that under local practice in forma pauperis requests may be reviewed and signed by either a magistrate, a referee, or a judge.