

# County of Nueces



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**SAMUEL L. NEAL, JR.**

County Judge  
Nueces County Courthouse, Room 303  
901 Leopard Street  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-3697

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER CREATING A FAMILY PROTECTION FUND AND ASSESSING  
A FEE TO BE COLLECTED AT THE TIME OF FILING OF SUITS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 51.961 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature by Acts 2003, Ch. 198 Section 2.165 (a), effective September 1, 2003 passed a Law entitled “Family Protection Fee”, now codified in Section 51.961 of the Texas Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, this Law authorizes the Commissioners Courts of the State of Texas to create Family protection fund and assess a fee not to exceed \$15 when a suit for dissolution of marriage case is filed. Said fee is in addition to any other fee collected by the District Clerk or County Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk may not collect a fee under Section 51.961 of the Texas Government Code from a person who is protected by an order issued under Subtitle B, Title 4, Family Code, or Article 17.292 of the Code of Criminal Procedure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Courts of the State of Texas may use this “Family Protection Fund” only to fund a service provider located in that county or in an adjacent county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Courts of the State of Texas may fund the service provider, a non-profit organization that provides services of family violence prevention, intervention, mental health, counseling, legal, and marriage preservation services to families that are at risk of experiencing or that have experienced family violence or the abuse or neglect of a child; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, by THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS** that for Budget Year 2013-2014 a “Family Protection Fee” of \$15 will continue to be assessed for the filing of a suit of dissolution of marriage. This fee may not be collected from a person that is protected by a Protective Order or Magistrate Order.

**DULY adopted by vote of the Commissioners Court of Nueces County, Texas, on the 4th day of September, 2013.**

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**SAMUEL L. NEAL, JR.**  
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ATTEST:

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**DIANA BARRERA**, County Clerk