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Please be advised that the Massachusetts legislature has established increased rates for the service of process. All constables are now mandated to return much of this fee increase to the municipalities in which they work. As a result, the constable's fee for serving a summary process summons and complaint has increased dramatically. Prior to the increase, the fee for service of a summary process complaint to a resident ranged from \$20.00-\$30.00. Now the fee will range from \$37.00-\$60.00 for service on one resident, with increased fees if service needs to be made on more than one resident at a single address. Thankfully, the new law does not affect the fees for service of notices to quit or actual move-out evictions.

Additionally, as a result of these same budget problems, the fees for summary process complaint forms have increased from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per complaint form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Shaevel & Krems Real Estate Management Team.

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