
POA Default Fees Doubled

The Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario (MAG) has informed municipal courts managers that it is increasing the *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) Default Fee effective January 1, 2016. This fee, added to POA fines that are in default, will be increased from \$20 to \$40. AMO understands this change should help to substantially offset increases to Justices of the Peace costs and courts oversight announced by MAG earlier this year.

The POA Default Fee is set in regulation and has not been increased since before the transfer of POA courts to municipal governments. The increase to the fee was a key ask of Municipal Courts Managers Association and supported by AMO to help contain the costs of courts administration.

AMO understands that the fee, set in regulation ([O. Reg 672/92](#)) will be updated in the coming days to reflect the change and is available on E-Laws. For more information, members are advised to check the regulation on the E-laws site.

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