

Rule 524. Mandatory Costs in District Court

(a) For the purposes of this rule, "removing party" means the first party who serves or files a demand for removal. "Opposing party" means any party as to whom the removing party seeks a reversal in whole or in part.

(b) If the removing party prevails in district court, the removing party may recover costs from the opposing party as though the action were commenced in district court. If the removing party does not prevail, the court will award the opposing party an additional \$50 as costs. If the removing party is eligible to proceed under Minnesota Statutes, section 563.01, the \$50 in costs may be waived if the court determines that a hardship exists and that the case was removed in good faith.

(c) For purposes of this rule, the removing party prevails in district court if:

(1) the removing party recovers at least \$500 or 50 percent of the amount or value of property that the removing party requested on removal, whichever is less, when the removing party was denied any recovery in conciliation court;

(2) the opposing party does not recover any amount or any property from the removing party in district court when the opposing party recovered some amount or some property in conciliation court;

(3) the removing party recovers an amount or value of property in district court that exceeds the amount or value of property that the removing party recovered in conciliation court by at least \$500 or 50 percent, whichever is less; or

(4) the amount or value of property that the opposing party recovers from the removing party in district court is reduced from the amount or value of property that the opposing party recovered in conciliation court by at least \$500 or 50 percent, whichever is less.

(d) Costs or disbursements in conciliation or district court will not be considered in determining whether there was a recovery by either party in either court or in determining the difference in recovery under this rule.

(Amended effective July 1, 2026.)

1993 Committee Comment

Rule 524 simply repeats, for the benefit of litigants, the requirements set forth by the legislature. Minnesota Statutes 1993 Supplement, section 491A.02, subdivision 7. Statutory costs normally available in district court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 549.02, do not apply to conciliation court matters that have been removed to district court. Minnesota Statutes 1992, section 549.02.

Advisory Committee Comment - 2026 Amendments

Rule 524 has been amended as part of a comprehensive set of changes to the conciliation court rules in 2026 to use plain language and improve clarity.