



NOVEMBER 2017

Office Closed

The Lake County Recorder of Deeds Office will be CLOSED on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th to celebrate Thanksgiving.

New Fee Rates Effective December 1, 2017

Public Act 100-0271 was enacted this summer and we have updated our fee structure to meet the "predictable fee" intent behind it.

The short explanation behind this change is that the various calculations that had previously been required to determine fees for the number of additional pages beyond the first four pages, party names, related documents referenced, or PIN's (property index numbers) have been eliminated.

These are the new recording fees...

- Federal & State liens and releases will cost \$43
- A "standard document" will cost \$60
- A "non-standard document" will cost \$72
- Documents submitted by Federal, State and local government agencies are exempt from paying the \$10 Rental Housing Surcharge Program fee so they will be charged \$50 for a "standard document" and \$62 for a "non-standard document".

The new statute outlines the ten criteria that must all be met to deem a document a "standard document"...

1. The document shall consist of one or more individual sheets measuring 8½" x 11", not permanently bound and not a continuous form. Graphic displays accompanying a document to be recorded that measure up to 11" x 17" shall be recorded without charging an additional fee; *(NOTE - Documents that are submitted on legal-size paper (8½" x 14") will be deemed a "non-standard document" unless the legal-size pages are graphic displays/exhibits.)*
2. The document shall be legibly printed in black ink, by hand, type, or computer. Signatures and dates may be in contrasting colors if they will reproduce clearly;
3. The document shall be on white paper of not less than 20-pound weight and shall have a clean margin of at least one-half inch on the top, the bottom, and each side. Margins may be used for non-essential notations that will not affect the validity of the document, including but not limited to form numbers, page numbers, and customer notations;
4. The first page of the document shall contain a blank space, measuring at least 3" x 5", from the upper right corner;
5. The document shall not have any attachment stapled or otherwise affixed to any page; *(NOTE – Documents should be stapled together as a whole, but individual pages within the document must not contain stapled or taped sections, i.e. taping a cut-out legal description to a page.)*
6. Document does not create a division of a then active existing tax parcel identification number;
7. Document is not being recorded pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code;
8. Document is not a State lien or a federal lien;
9. Document does not make specific reference to more than 5 tax parcel identification numbers in the county in which it is presented for recording; or
10. Document does not make specific reference to more than 5 other document numbers recorded in the county in which it is presented for recording.

Failure to meet any one of these requirements makes the document a "non-standard document".

Please visit our website at www.lakecountyil.gov/recorder for more information regarding our recording fees or contact the Chief Deputy Recorder, Cynthia Pruim Haran, at 847-377-2062 if you have any questions.

Veteran's Brochure

Veterans, this brochure is here to assist you in maneuvering the many services available to you here in Lake County.

Not a Veteran? Please share the important information and available services with any Veteran you may know, and thank them for their service!

