

Lincoln County

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To: Recording Customers

From: Shelly Johnston
Lincoln County Auditor

Re: **Fee Changes Effective September 1, 2012**

During the 2012 Legislative Session, Washington State legislature passed ESHB 2048 impacting the fees required to record certain documents. **The fee changes go into effect September 1, 2012.** The fee change applies to only those documents that are related to real property.

The Legislature changed one of the surcharges collected to support housing and shelter programs for homeless persons. The current surcharge of \$30 applies to all documents except assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust or documents recording a birth, marriage, divorce, death or any document otherwise exempted from a recording fee under state law. The new surcharge on September 1 will be \$40 and applies only to documents related to real property with the continued exceptions as previously detailed.

The end result is that the total recording fee for General Recorded Documents will be either:

- \$32 for the first page if the document is not real property related or
- \$72 dollars for the first page if the document is real property related.
- Deeds of Trust will be \$73 for the first page.

Our recording staff will assess the appropriate fee based on either:

- the document title OR
- the appearance of a legal description and/or parcel number on the first page of the document to be recorded.

The list of document titles to which the surcharge is to be applied is published by the Washington State Department of Commerce; the guideline and list are available on our website, www.co.lincoln.wa.us.

State law requires that we collect full fees and distribute them to the appropriate agencies. As a result, if a document is submitted without full payment, we are required to send it back and request that it be submitted with the correct fee. In these cases we will notify you of the fee we expect to be submitted.

We understand that any delay in recording documents has significant impacts to businesses and our shared customers, so we strongly encourage you to contact us with any questions or to verify the recording fee prior to submitting your documents. Our recording staff can be reached at (509) 725-4971 Monday through Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.

**LINCOLN COUNTY AUDITOR'S FEE SCHEDULE
RECORDING INCREASE**

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

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| REAL ESTATE DOCUMENT RECORDING FEE, 1st page | \$72.00 |
| Each additional page | 1.00 |
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| NON REAL ESTATE DOCUMENT RECORDING FEE, 1st page | \$32.00 |
| Each additional page | 1.00 |
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| Appointment of Successor Trustee | \$14.00 |
| Assignment of Deed of Trust | 14.00 |
| Resignation & Appointment of Successor Trustee | 14.00 |
| Substitution of Trustee | 14.00 |
| Appointment of Trustee | 14.00 |
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| Deed of Trust Documents | \$73.00 |
| Each additional page | 1.00 |
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| Boundary Line Adjustment | \$118.00 |
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| Recording non-standard documents , in addition To regular fee | \$50.00 |
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| Multiple Transaction Real Estate Documents: | |
| 1st Transaction (except above listed exceptions) | \$72.00 |
| Each additional page | 1.00 |
| Each additional Transaction Title | 72.00 |
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| SURVEYS, SHORT PLATS | \$138.00 |
| Each additional page | 5.00 |
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| UCC DOCUMENTS (National Form Accepted) | |
| 1st page | \$72.00 |
| Each additional page | 1.00 |
| Multiple Transaction Filings (for each transaction | 72.00 |
| Termination Filings | 72.00 |

REPORT OF MILITARY SEPARATION DOCUMENT FEES:

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| <u>DD214</u> | <u>NO FEE</u> |
| <u>Request for Exemption from Public Disclosure</u> | <u>\$7.00</u> |
| <u>MARRIAGE LICENSE</u> | <u>\$35.00</u> |
| <u>DEATH CERTIFICATES/BIRTH CERTIFICATES</u> | <u>\$32.00</u> |
| <u>Certified copies, legal size or less, 1st page</u> | <u>\$3.00</u> |
| <u>Each additional page</u> | <u>1.00</u> |
| <u>Uncertified copies of recorded documents, each page</u> | <u>\$1.00</u> |
| <u>Copies of unrecorded documents, each page</u> | <u>\$.15</u> |
| <u>Copies of each page presented by individual</u> | <u>\$.15</u> |
| <u>Copies of survey or plat maps, each page</u> | <u>\$5.00</u> |
| <u>Conformed copies, each page</u> | <u>\$1.00</u> |
| <u>Special Reports</u> | <u>per page \$.18</u> |