

AN ACT in relation to local government.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section 4-12002 as follows:

(55 ILCS 5/4-12002) (from Ch. 34, par. 4-12002)

Sec. 4-12002. Fees of recorder in third class counties. The fees of the recorder in counties of the third class for recording deeds or other instruments in writing and maps of plats of additions, subdivisions or otherwise, and for certifying copies of records, shall be paid in advance and shall be as follows:

For recording deeds or other instruments \$20 for the first 2 pages thereof, plus \$2 for each additional page thereof. The aggregate minimum fee for recording any one instrument shall not be less than \$20.

For recording deeds or other instruments wherein the premises affected thereby are referred to by document number and not by legal description the recorder shall charge a fee of \$4 in addition to that hereinabove referred to for each document number therein noted.

For recording deeds or other instruments wherein more than one tract, parcel or lot is described and such additional tract, or tracts, parcel or parcels, lot or lots is or are described therein as falling in a separate or different addition or subdivision the recorder shall charge as an additional fee, to that herein provided, the sum of \$2 for each additional addition or subdivision referred to in such deed or instrument.

For recording maps or plats of additions, subdivisions or otherwise (including the spreading of the same of record in well bound books) \$100 plus \$2 for each tract, parcel or lot

contained therein.

For certified copies of records the same fees as for recording, but in no case shall the fee for a certified copy of a map or plat of an addition, subdivision or otherwise exceed \$200.

For non-certified copies of records, an amount not to exceed one half of the amount provided herein for certified copies, according to a standard scale of fees, established by county ordinance and made public.

For filing of each release of any chattel mortgage or trust deed which has been filed but not recorded and for indexing the same in the book to be kept for that purpose \$10.

For processing the sworn or affirmed statement required for filing a deed or assignment of a beneficial interest in a land trust in accordance with Section 3-5020 of this Code, \$2.

The recorder shall charge an additional fee, in an amount equal to the fee otherwise provided by law, for recording a document (other than a document filed under the Plat Act or the Uniform Commercial Code) that does not conform to the following standards:

(1) The document shall consist of one or more individual sheets measuring 8.5 inches by 11 inches, not permanently bound and not a continuous form. Graphic displays accompanying a document to be recorded that measure up to 11 inches by 17 inches shall be recorded without charging an additional fee.

(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 only 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 inches by 5 inches, from the upper right corner.

(5) The document shall not have any attachment stapled or otherwise affixed to any page.

A document that does not conform to these standards shall not be recorded except upon payment of the additional fee required under this paragraph. This paragraph, as amended by this amendatory Act of 1995, applies only to documents dated after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1995.

The fee requirements of this Section apply to units of local government and school districts.

Regardless of any other provision in this Section, the maximum fee that may be collected from the Department of Revenue for filing or indexing a lien, certificate of lien release or subordination, or any other type of notice or other documentation affecting or concerning a lien is \$5. Regardless of any other provision in this Section, the maximum fee that may be collected from the Department of Revenue for indexing each additional name in excess of one for any lien, certificate of lien release or subordination, or any other type of notice or other documentation affecting or concerning a lien is \$1.

(Source: P.A. 92-492, eff. 1-1-02.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on June 1, 2004.