

Change to the Land Recording Fee

Effective December 1, 2017 the land recording fee increases from \$53 to \$60 for the first page of a document (CGS 7-34a (d)), and from \$53 to \$60 for the filing of a Foreclosed Property Registration Form (CGS 7-148 ii).

Any document received for recording on December 1st is charged the new fee *even if it was mailed and postmarked earlier*. The statutes do not allow for an exception to the recording fee and all documents recorded in the month of December will be subject to the new fee and the revised allocation of funds.

Does the MERS recording fee change? **NO** – There are no changes to the MERS fees (CGS 7-34a (2) (A), (B), (C), or CGS 49-10(h)).

Do we still charge \$5 per page after the first page? **YES** (7-34a)

Will there be new reporting forms? **YES** – The State Library has revised form for the Historic Document Preservation Fund. Clerks will be required to complete the new form in **January for the month of December 2017.** We have also revised the Foreclosed Property Registration Forms to indicate the new fee.

Will the Land Record Vendors be ready in time? All Land Record Vendors and E Recording Vendors have been notified and we do not anticipate any problems with meeting the December 1st deadline.

POST NOTICES NOW – On your website and in your offices. You may also want to include them with the “mail backs” to firms/banks/etc. who are frequent recorders.