

RESOLUTION # 85-2024

Resolution to add a user fee with online credit card customers when using RecordEase online services with the Register of Deeds.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds provides and online service and option to search and purchase documents through RecordEase for any customers that choose to use their credit card and navigate our land records system through RecordEase; and

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds uses Point & Pay to process these online transactions and charges our users a \$2.00 flat fee when processing any payments for purchases up to \$66.00, during that same online session; and

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds does not currently charge any additional user fees when customers use the online credit card option to access, search, preview images or purchase documents in RecordEase. The only fees we charge and retain are for purchased copies of documents that are billed at \$2.00 for the first page of any document and then \$1.00 for each additional page thereafter, as per Wisconsin Statutes 59.43(2); and

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds would like to implement a \$5.00 flat fee, per user, per session in addition to the statutory copy fees when purchasing copies of documents when using RecordEase, which will also generate an additional \$3.00 of revenue per user, per session; and

WHEREAS, when compared to other counties, the average credit card convenience fee is currently about \$6.00 per county, per session, when customers choose to use these online land records systems in order to access and/or purchase copies of their documents; and

WHEREAS, by adding this \$5.00 flat fee per user for this online service, it will be comparable to all other counties in the state when customers choose to use the service, it will help generate some additional revenue and it will help to account for the ongoing increase with software maintenance fees; and

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds will need to work with the land records vendor, West Central Indexing and Point & Pay in order to implement this additional online user fee for the credit card customers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that a \$5.00 user fee, as presented, be approved and that the County Board Chairman may execute said documents accordingly.

Vote Required: Majority = 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

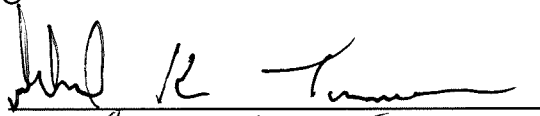
The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date: 9.12.24

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Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Records Committee this 10 day of September 2024.

Consent Agenda Item: YES NO

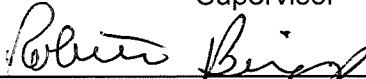
Offered and passage moved by:



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17 Ayes

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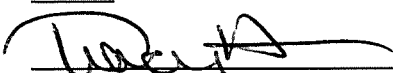
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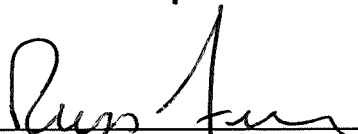
Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 17th day September, 2024.

Defeated



Tracy Hartman, County Clerk



~~Scott Holowinski, County Board Chair - vice~~
Russ Fisher

Consent Agenda

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Supervisors	AYE	NAV	ABS	ABSTAIN
Taugtes	X			
Fisher	X			
Newman	X			
Fried	X			
Almekinder	-		X	
Ives	-		X	
Hess	X			
Cushing	X			
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Schreier	X			
Briggs	X			
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Oettinger	X			
Timmons	X			
Jensen	X			
Hanus	X			
Sorgel	X			
Harris	X			
Condado	X			
Lopez	X			
Holewinski	-		X	
TOTALS	17		4	
TAGS				

Resolution # 84 – 2024: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to convey part of TL-1135-15 to Carl Raymond Bacon Jr.

Resolution # 85 – 2024: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to add a user fee with online credit card customers when using RecordEase online services with the Register of Deeds.

Resolution # 86 – 2024: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to increase the Bulk Copy Agreement amount.

Resolution # 87 – 2024: Offered by the Supervisors of the Planning and Development Committee recommending denial of Rezone Petition #04-2024 in the Town of Woodboro.

Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations:
 Appoint Lenore Lopez to the Horsehead Lake District

Register of Deeds – Proposed On-line user fee

As per Wisconsin Statute 59.43(2)(b), "Every register of deeds shall receive the following fees: ... For copies of any records or papers, \$2 for the first page plus \$1 for each additional page..."

Adding any additional user fees are subject to COJ and county board approval.

This office does not charge any additional user or convenience fees when accessing or purchasing copies of documents online through RecordEase.

Credit card users in Oneida County pay the same fees for documents when using our online service as they would if they are in the office.

This office uses Point & Pay to process our credit card transactions and they charge a \$2 convenience fee, paid by the user, for every credit/debit transaction.

69 of the 72 counties currently offer an online service for documents using a credit card.

45 counties use the Fidlar land records system and charge \$8.75 - \$9.95 per search, plus any additional copy fees at \$.50 - \$1 per page. Each county sets their own fees. Fidlar processes all transactions, retains about 60% of the fees, the county keeps about 40% which is about \$5.00 on two page document

23 counties use similar land records systems charge a \$2.00 - \$6.95 user fee plus any additional copy fees at \$2/\$1 statutory rates. These counties retain an average of \$5.15 for a two page document.

3 counties do not offer any online credit card services.

My recommendation is to add a \$3.00 user fee to the online credit/debit card purchases for copy fees.

The county would receive an additional \$3.00 per online card transaction.

The county will continue to retain 100% of the copy fees at \$2/\$1.

Point & Pay will continue to receive \$2.00 per user/session.