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## ROBIN W. CARPENTER REGISTER OF DEEDS

### North Carolina Legislation Increase Fees

The North Carolina General Assembly recently made several changes to Register of Deeds fees. The fee for a marriage license will increase on September 1, 2009. The recording fee for deeds, deeds of trust and mortgages will increase effective October 1, 2009.

#### Marriage License Fee Increase Effective September 1, 2009

Effective September 1, 2009, the cost of a Marriage License will increase to \$60.00, the result of Legislation Statute G.S. 161-10(a)(2). Thirty dollars of each fee collected from the license applicant shall be used for North Carolina Domestic Violence programs. More information about the marriage license increase is on page 187 of the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session Law 2009-451, Senate Bill 202.

#### Deeds, Deeds of Trust and Mortgages Fee Increase Effective October 1, 2009

The recording fee for the first page of a deed will increase to \$19.00 for the first page. Additional pages remain \$3.00. G.S. 161-11.6 was added to collect a fee of \$5.00 for each deed filed, registered or recorded. This fee, less two percent to cover the county's administrative costs, will be forwarded on a monthly basis to the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources for the purpose of offsetting the costs of the Archives and Records Management program. More information about the recording fee increase for deeds is on page 188 of the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session Law 2009-451, Senate Bill 202.

The fee to record deeds of trust and mortgages will increase to \$30.00. Additional pages remain \$3.00 per page. G.S. 161-11 was added requiring each county to forward \$5.00 from the recording fee of deeds of trust and mortgages to the North Carolina General Fund. More information about the recording fee increase for deeds of trust and mortgages is on page 174 of the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session Law 2009-451, Senate Bill 202.

There will be no fee for recording records of satisfaction, or the cancellation of record by any other means, of deeds of trusts or mortgages, there shall be no fee.