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MEMORANDUM

To: Title Searchers, Attorneys, Banks, and General Public

From: Frank J. Merola, Rensselaer County Clerk 

Date: March 3, 2020

Re: Additional \$10.00 recording fee for Residential Deeds effective March 11

A recent amendment to the Real Property law requires County Clerks to notify the owner(s) of residential real property when a document is recorded affecting this residential property. The amendment was signed into law January 11 2020 and takes effect March 11, 2020. The law also allows Clerks to collect a reasonable fee for these notices.

The NYS Association of County Clerks (NYSACC) has determined that \$10.00 is a reasonable fee per document. In accordance with the NYSACC determination, Rensselaer County will be charging the \$10.00 fee per document effective March 11, 2020.

This fee will apply to residential deeds executed over the counter, through the mail (USPS, FedEx, UPS, USPS, etc.) and those recorded electronically. Again, the fee takes effect March 11, 2020.

Please contact either myself or Deputy County Clerk Greg DeJulio with any questions.