

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK****JUDITH A. PASCALE**  
COUNTY CLERK

**TO:** All Title and Abstract Companies  
**FROM:** Judith A. Pascale, Suffolk County Clerk  
**DATE:** 9/23/08  
**RE:** Recording Fee Increase

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Please be advised that the Suffolk County Legislature, at the request of the Suffolk County Executive, has adopted the recording fee increases that were passed by the New York State Legislature earlier this summer.

Therefore, effective October 16, 2008, in accordance with C.P.L.R. §8021, the increased recording fees are as follows:

Per page fee will increase from \$3 per page to \$5 per page.  
Handling fee will increase from \$5 per document to \$20 per document.

**All documents presented or re-presented for recording on or after October 16, 2008 must be assessed at the new fee.**

Attached is the pertinent part of C.P.L.R. §8021.

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Como, Esq. at (631) 852-2000 ext. 112.

*NY CLS CPLR § 8021 (2008)*

## § 8021. County clerks other than as clerks of court

Whenever a county clerk renders a service other than in his capacity as clerk of the supreme or a county court, or other than in an action pending in a court of which he is clerk, he is entitled to the fees specified in this section, payable in advance.

(a) Services in connection with papers or instruments relating to real property and not filed under the uniform commercial code.

1. For filing any paper, document or other instrument of any nature or description which is required or permitted by law to be filed in his office, five dollars, except as otherwise expressly provided in this article and in article twelve of the real property law.

2. For filing and indexing any map, ten dollars.

3. For affixing and indexing a notice of foreclosure of a mortgage, as prescribed in section fourteen hundred four of the real property actions and proceedings law, ten dollars.

4. a. (1) For recording, entering, indexing and endorsing a certificate on any instrument, five dollars, and, in addition thereto, three dollars for each page or portion of a page, and fifty cents for each additional town, city, block or other indices in which such instrument is to be indexed as directed by the endorsement thereon. On the assignment of a mortgage which assigns more than one mortgage or on a release of lease which releases more than one lease, then there shall be an additional fee of three dollars for every mortgage assigned or lease released in excess of one.

(2) Notwithstanding clause one of this subparagraph, any county may opt by county law to increase the fee for recording, entering, indexing and endorsing a certificate on any instrument from five dollars to twenty dollars and, in addition thereto, increase from three dollars to five dollars for each page or portion of a page. Such increase shall take effect thirty days after the county enacts such fees. For the purpose of determining the appropriate recording fee, the fee for any cover page shall be deemed an additional page of the instrument. A cover page shall not include any social security account number or date of birth. To the extent a county clerk has placed an image of such cover page online, such county clerk shall make a good faith effort to redact such information.