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NOTICE

January 29, 2014

RE: Filing Fee Increases

August 05, 2014, the Winnebago County Board hired MGT of America, INC of Bay City, Michigan to conduct a study of the fees charged by the Sheriff, County Clerk and Recorder's Office. The purpose of the study was to determine if the fees covered the actual cost of performing the service. The Recorder's portion of the study was commissioned in accordance with the Illinois State Statutes that allow for increases if they are "justified by an acceptable cost study showing that the fees allowed...are not sufficient to cover the cost of providing the service" (55ILCS 5/3-5018) Fees.

The results of the study, which are available for public inspection, indicated that, while we wish to keep the fees as simple as possible, while recovering as much of our cost as possible, the Winnebago County Board, did pass Ordinance (2015 CO 002) Amending the Winnebago County Code to Provide for the Increase of Certain Fees, January 22, 2015. Complete Filing fees may be obtained on the Winnebago County website or in our office.

Therefore, effective, March 1, 2015, the fee increases will be implemented.

A full list of County Board Members as well as phone numbers may also be obtained upon request.

Respectfully,

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Effective March 1, 2015, the Winnebago County Recorder's Office will no longer return documents that are submitted with too much money.

In the past, this office has returned documents because the accompanying check was for too much money. However, due to budget constraints, the cost of mailing, the personnel time involved, as well as subsequent delays in recording of documents this return mailing provokes, as of March 1, 2015, we will not be returning documents accompanied by excess money. That money will be transferred to the Winnebago County General Fund.

To assist you in determine the appropriate fees, please refer to the Recorders Website at: www.co.winnebago.il.us

Click on Departments, Scroll to Recorder, Click on Filing fees.

We urge you to double check this schedule before filing your documents.

Thank you,

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