COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



TO: All Title, Abstract Companies and Interested Parties

FROM: Christopher Como, Esq., Sen. Official Examiner of Title

Anna Curella, Senior Deputy County Clerk

DATE: 11/30/15

RE: Verification Fee Increase

Please be advised that Local Law 34-2015 was enacted which increases the Real Property Tax Service Agency verification fee to \$200.00 for each lot verified.

Additionally, there will continue to be no maximum fee.

All documents presented or re-presented for verification to the Real Property Tax Service Agency on or after December 18, 2015 must be assessed the new fee of \$200.00 per lot.

Attached is a copy of Local Law 34-2015.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (631) 852-2000 ext. 100.

cc: Penny Wells LaValle, Director

Real Property Tax Service Agency

Intro. Res. No. 1924-2015 Laid on Table 11/17/2015 Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 992 2015, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 34-2015, A LOCAL LAW TO INCREASE TAX MAP VERIFICATION FEES

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on November 17, 2015, a proposed local law entitled, "A LOCAL LAW TO INCREASE TAX MAP VERIFICATION FEES"; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the said local law be enacted in form as follows:

LOCAL LAW NO. 34-2015, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

A LOCAL LAW TO INCREASE TAX MAP VERIFICATION FEES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY

OF SUFFOLK, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

This Legislature finds and determines that the 2016 Operating Budget includes revenue from increased tax map verification fees collected by the County Clerk on behalf of the Real Property Tax Service Agency.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to increase tax map verification fees in Suffolk County to offset administrative expenses.

Section 2. Amendments.

Section A18-3 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVIII. COUNTY CLERK

§ A18-3. Verified identification numbers required on all instruments filed pertaining to title of land.

G. The Director of the Real Property Tax Service Agency is entitled, for the verification of Tax Map numbers on instruments presented for recording or filing, to a fee of \$[60] 200 per parcel, payable to the County Clerk at the time of recording or filing.

****Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all instruments presented for recording or filing occurring on or after the effective date of this law.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

This Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and/or (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection. The Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this law.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

[] Brackets denote deletion of language.

___ Underlining denotes addition of new language.

DATED: November 17, 2015 APPROVED BY:

> /s/ Steven Bellone County Executive of Suffolk County Date: November 23, 2015