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s. 59.43(2)

A “page” is interpreted to mean one side of a single sheet of paper.

Any instrument submitted for recording shall contain a space for recording and if the space is not provided the register may add a page.

The fee for recording any instrument entitled to be recorded shall be \$30, except no fee may be collected for change of address under 181.68 or 185.83. [59.43(2)(ag)1.]

No one may record a single instrument that contains more than one mortgage, assignment, partial release or satisfaction.

For copies of records, \$2 for the first page and \$1 for each additional page, plus \$1 for the certification of the register of deeds, except the DOR is exempt from statutory copy fees.

With the consent of the county board, the register may enter into agreements to provide uncertified copies of the complete daily recordings for a consideration determined by the board which must cover costs. *NOTE: Senior Legislative Reference Bureau attorney Marc Shovers ruled in 1997 that registers may also enter into agreements to sell indexes as well as images.*

For recording plats (cemetery, condo & subdivision), \$50 (regardless of the number of pages). For recording a transportation project plat (TPP) under s. 84.095, the fee is \$25.

NOTE: Best Practice voted on by WRDA is that each sheet is considered a plat.

All fees are payable in advance except that fees for services performed for a state department, board or commission shall be invoiced monthly.

s. 59.43(2)(b)

The Department of Revenue is exempt from statutory copy fees.

s. 59.43(2)(e)

The fee for filing any instrument which is entitled to be filed in the office of register of deeds and for which no other specific fee is specified is \$30.

s. 59.72(5) Land Records Modernization Funding

The \$30 recording fee per s.59.43(2)(e) is subject to Land Records Modernization funding. The county general fund retains \$15 from each document, the remaining \$15 is submitted to the department of administration (DOA) for land modernization programs. However, if your county has established a land modernization program and the conditions are met per s. 59.72(5)(b), then \$8 is retained in a segregated county land modernization fund and the remaining \$7 is forwarded to DOA.



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Documents subject to Land Records Modernization fees s. 59.72(5) covered under s.59.43 (2) (ag) 1 and 59.43(2)(e)

Document	Statutory Reference	Statutory Fee	LIO Fees 59.72(5)(b)	DOA Fees 59.72(5)(a)
Plats (Cemetery, Condo, Subdivision)	59.43(2)(h)	\$50	No	No
TPP Plats (each sheet is a plat per WRDA Best Practice)	59.43(2)(k)	\$25	No	No
Real Estate Documents	59.43(2)(ag)(1)	\$30	\$8	\$7
Change of Address	185.83(1)(b)	No Fee	No	No
Federal Tax Lien	779.97(5) – 59.43(2)	\$30	\$8	\$7
UCC 1 & UCC3		\$30	\$8	\$7

s. 19.25

Searches and copies of records may be required by the Secretary of State, State Treasurer and Attorney General to perform their duties, and registers must search and provide copies at no fee.

s. 19.35(3)(d)

May charge requester for actual, necessary and direct cost of mailing or shipping requested copies of records.

s. 45.05

No fee shall be charged for recording military certificates of discharge.

s. 59.535(1)(b)

No fee shall be charged for making or certifying copies of any record that is needed to obtain veteran’s benefits.

s. 779.97(4)(e) and (5)(a)

The fee for filing or recording and indexing each notice of federal tax lien is \$30 as specified under s. 59.43(2)(ag)

Copies of federal tax liens are \$2 for the first page, \$1 for each additional page, plus \$1 for the certificate of the register of deeds, as specified under s. 59.43(2)(b).



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s. 69.22

\$20 for issuing one certified copy of a vital record and \$3 for any additional certified copy of the same vital record issued at the same time. Same fees for uncertified copies. Vital records include births, deaths, marriages, domestic partnerships and terminations of domestic partnerships. Verifications are \$7 each, per 69.22(1)(b). Registers may charge \$7 for a search, plus an additional fee to cover cost if identifying information is imprecise or inadequate, per 69.22(2). The fee for expedited service in issuing a vital record is \$20 per s.69.22(1)(d).

The public may search open records at no charge but they must present identification before searching vital records. Unwed birth records and military discharges are confidential records. For deaths occurring after January 1, 2003, access to the "Extended Fact of Death" portion of the death record is restricted.

Historical Information:

UCC's:

UCC Searches pursuant to s. 409.710(4) had to be performed until at least June 30, 2008 cost was \$15 per debtor name.

Federal Tax Liens:

As of April 23, 2004, the \$15.00 search requirement was removed from s.779.97(4)(e) by 2003 Wisconsin Act 206.

Redaction Fees:

s. 59.43 (2) (L) For recording any instrument under par. (ag), filing any instrument under par. (e), and recording certificates and preparing and mailing documents under par. (i), \$30 if the county uses \$5 of each \$30 fee received under this paragraph to make social security numbers from electronic format records not viewable or accessible on the Internet under sub. (4)(c) and s. 59.72 (6), until the earliest of the following:

1. Completion of the making of social security numbers from electronic format records not viewable or accessible on the Internet under sub. (4)(c) and s. 59.72(6).
2. Unless the register of deeds has been granted an extension by the department of administration, Jan 1, 2012. The register of deeds may request the department of administration to extend the time period under this subdivision by one year. The department of administration may grant the extension and may renew the extension for additional one-year periods.
3. January 1, 2015.