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H.B. 1607 MANDATES A RECORDING FEE INCREASE

TO: THE PUBLIC
FROM: RYAN A. COSTELLO, ESQ.
DATE: OCTOBER 9, 2009
RE: \$13.50 MANDATED FEE INCREASE TAKES EFFECT DECEMBER 9, 2009

On October 9, 2009, Governor Rendell signed House Bill 1607 amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.

House Bill 1607, in part, mandates an additional **\$13.50 fee** be charged and collected statewide by Recorders of Deeds for **each document** submitted for recordation. These funds will be deposited into the State's Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account, the Access to Justice Account, and the Criminal Justice Enhancement Account. The monies are specifically designated to fund Constable training and full-time County district attorney salaries.

This mandated fee increase will take effect Wednesday December 9, 2009. Documents submitted to our office on or after December 9, 2009 will incur the \$13.50 fee increase per document regardless of the date stated on the document.

Please understand that the Commonwealth has mandated Recorders statewide to charge and collect the additional fees. Our office has no ability to prevent or circumvent these newly mandated fees. None of these increased fee amounts are retained for use by Chester County or this Recorder of Deeds office.

The full text of House Bill 1607 can be viewed at www.legis.state.pa.us.

Thank you and, should you have questions, please e-mail us at RodInfo@Chesco.org.