



\$25 Flat Fee proposal

**Talking Points**

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- **The existing “per page” fee is complex and leads to delays in recording.**
  - Page miscounts cost extra in postage for both parties as documents must be mailed back & forth
  - Flat fee computation is simple, not error-prone
  - **Because of these points, the Wisconsin Land Title Association and customers have repeatedly requested this flat fee**
  
- **Fiscal impact on the public is reasonable.**
  - Some will save money when recording (such as people filing mortgages more than 8 pages)
  - The flat fee ensures full revenues for single-page “master mortgage” recordings.
  
- **User Fee**
  - Only those that use service pay fee.
  - Generates additional revenue which helps lower county tax levy.
  
- **Wisconsin has not raised this fee since 1990**, with the exception of the \$1 per document “Public Access” fee that the Realtors Association lobbied for in 2001.
  - **The flat fee proposal includes provisions for additional Internet Public Access projects** to further benefit the public, realtors, and many others who need land records and maps
  
- **\$25 flat fee is on par with neighboring states.**
  - **To record an average 4-page document** (*noting that some states charge on a per-page basis*):
    - Michigan: \$23 plus \$3 each additional page
    - Illinois: \$36 plus \$1 each additional page
    - Iowa: \$22 plus \$5 per add'l page plus \$5 for deeds
    - Minnesota: \$46

Attachment A – Current and Proposed Recording Fee Breakdown

Attachment B – County-by-County Fiscal Impact Spreadsheet

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **CURRENT & PROPOSED RECORDING FEES**

#### **Recording Fees (Current)**

\$11 for the first page, plus \$2 each additional page

Breakdown:

\$11 first page

    \$2 DOA (State)

    \$4 County LIO

    \$1 County Public Access Fund

    \$4 County General Fund

\$2 additional pages

    \$6.80 (average per/doc based on 4.4 average pages/doc) to County  
General Fund

#### **Recording Fees (Proposed)**

\$25 Flat Fee per Document

    \$2 DOA (State)

    \$6 County LIO

    \$2 County Public Access Fund

    \$15 County General Fund

Attachment B: County-by County fiscal impact of the proposal Spreadsheet.

County Name	2007 RE Doc w/LIO Fee	Average Page Count	Total Images	First page @\$11	Additional Pages @\$2 each	Total Fee Collected @ \$11+\$2	\$2 to DOA	\$4 to LIO	\$1 to LIO	Balance to ROD	\$25 per Document	Increase (Decrease)	\$2 to DOA	\$6 to LIO	\$2 to Public Access	\$15 to ROD
Adams	9,593	3.8	36,453	\$105,523	\$53,721	\$159,244	\$19,186	\$38,372	9,593	\$92,093	\$239,825	\$80,581	\$19,186.00	\$57,558.00	\$19,186.00	\$143,895.0
Ashland	4,580	3.53	16,167	\$50,380	\$23,175	\$73,555	\$9,160	\$18,320	4,580	\$41,495	\$114,500	\$40,945	\$9,160.00	\$27,480.00	\$9,160.00	\$68,700.0
Barron	11,649	3.69	42,985	\$128,139	\$62,672	\$190,811	\$23,298	\$46,596	11,649	\$109,268	\$291,225	\$100,414	\$23,298.00	\$69,894.00	\$23,298.00	\$174,735.0
Bayfield*	6,671	3.8	25,350	\$73,381	\$37,358	\$110,739	\$13,342	\$26,684	6,671	\$64,042	\$166,775	\$56,036	\$13,342.00	\$40,026.00	\$13,342.00	\$100,065.0
Brown	53,628	4.4	235,963	\$589,908	\$364,670	\$954,578	\$107,256	\$214,512	53,628	\$579,182	\$1,340,700	\$386,122	\$107,256.00	\$321,768.00	\$107,256.00	\$804,420.0
Buffalo	3,515	4	14,060	\$38,665	\$21,090	\$59,755	\$7,030	\$14,060	3,515	\$35,150	\$87,875	\$28,120	\$7,030.00	\$21,090.00	\$7,030.00	\$52,725.0
Burnett*	6,541	3.8	24,856	\$71,951	\$36,630	\$108,581	\$13,082	\$26,164	6,541	\$62,794	\$163,525	\$54,944	\$13,082.00	\$39,246.00	\$13,082.00	\$98,115.0
Calumet	11,677	3.75	43,789	\$128,447	\$64,224	\$192,671	\$23,354	\$46,708	11,677	\$110,932	\$291,925	\$99,255	\$23,354.00	\$70,062.00	\$23,354.00	\$175,155.0
Chippewa	15,497	3.75	58,114	\$170,467	\$85,234	\$255,701	\$30,994	\$61,988	15,497	\$147,222	\$387,425	\$131,725	\$30,994.00	\$92,982.00	\$30,994.00	\$232,455.0
Clark	7,824	3.27	25,584	\$86,064	\$35,521	\$121,585	\$15,648	\$31,296	7,824	\$66,817	\$195,600	\$74,015	\$15,648.00	\$46,944.00	\$15,648.00	\$117,360.0
Columbia	16,000	3	48,000	\$176,000	\$64,000	\$240,000	\$32,000	\$64,000	16,000	\$128,000	\$400,000	\$160,000	\$32,000.00	\$96,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$240,000.0
Crawford*	3,934	3.8	14,949	\$43,274	\$22,030	\$65,304	\$7,868	\$15,736	3,934	\$37,766	\$98,350	\$33,046	\$7,868.00	\$23,604.00	\$7,868.00	\$59,010.0
Dane	119,634	5	598,170	\$1,315,974	\$957,072	\$2,273,046	\$239,268	\$478,536	119,634	\$1,435,608	\$2,990,850	\$717,804	\$239,268.00	\$717,804.00	\$239,268.00	\$1,794,510.0
Dodge	19,189	3.87	74,261	\$211,079	\$110,145	\$321,224	\$38,378	\$76,756	19,189	\$186,901	\$479,725	\$158,501	\$38,378.00	\$115,134.00	\$38,378.00	\$287,835.0
Door	11,198	4.1	45,912	\$123,178	\$69,428	\$192,606	\$22,396	\$44,792	11,198	\$114,220	\$279,950	\$87,344	\$22,396.00	\$67,188.00	\$22,396.00	\$167,970.0
Douglas	10,269	3.15	32,347	\$112,959	\$44,157	\$157,116	\$20,538	\$41,076	10,269	\$85,233	\$256,725	\$99,609	\$20,538.00	\$61,614.00	\$20,538.00	\$154,035.0
Dunn	9,428	4	37,712	\$103,708	\$56,568	\$160,276	\$18,856	\$37,712	9,428	\$94,280	\$235,700	\$75,424	\$18,856.00	\$56,568.00	\$18,856.00	\$141,420.0
Eau Claire	21,125	3.84	81,120	\$232,375	\$119,990	\$352,365	\$42,250	\$84,500	21,125	\$204,490	\$528,125	\$175,760	\$42,250.00	\$126,750.00	\$42,250.00	\$316,875.0
Florence	2,100	3.5	7,350	\$23,100	\$10,500	\$33,600	\$4,200	\$8,400	2,100	\$18,900	\$52,500	\$18,900	\$4,200.00	\$12,600.00	\$4,200.00	\$31,500.0
Fond du Lac	21,416	4	85,664	\$235,576	\$128,496	\$364,072	\$42,832	\$85,664	21,416	\$214,160	\$535,400	\$171,328	\$42,832.00	\$128,496.00	\$42,832.00	\$321,240.0
Forest	2,989	3.5	10,462	\$32,879	\$14,945	\$47,824	\$5,978	\$11,956	2,989	\$26,901	\$74,725	\$26,901	\$5,978.00	\$17,934.00	\$5,978.00	\$44,835.0
Grant	9,324	3.65	34,033	\$102,564	\$49,417	\$151,981	\$18,648	\$37,296	9,324	\$86,713	\$233,100	\$81,119	\$18,648.00	\$55,944.00	\$18,648.00	\$139,860.0
Green	11,264	3.68	41,452	\$123,904	\$60,375	\$184,279	\$22,528	\$45,056	11,264	\$105,431	\$281,600	\$97,321	\$22,528.00	\$67,584.00	\$22,528.00	\$168,960.0
Green Lake	5,285	3.66	19,343	\$58,135	\$28,116	\$86,251	\$10,570	\$21,140	5,285	\$49,256	\$132,125	\$45,874	\$10,570.00	\$31,710.00	\$10,570.00	\$79,275.0
Iowa	6,930	3.8	26,334	\$76,230	\$38,808	\$115,038	\$13,860	\$27,720	6,930	\$66,528	\$173,250	\$58,212	\$13,860.00	\$41,580.00	\$13,860.00	\$103,950.0
Iron	2,534	3.39	8,590	\$27,874	\$12,113	\$39,987	\$5,068	\$10,136	2,534	\$22,249	\$63,350	\$23,363	\$5,068.00	\$15,204.00	\$5,068.00	\$38,010.0
Jackson	5,376	2.7	14,515	\$59,136	\$18,278	\$77,414	\$10,752	\$21,504	5,376	\$39,782	\$134,400	\$56,986	\$10,752.00	\$32,256.00	\$10,752.00	\$80,640.0
Jefferson	19,639	3.8	74,628	\$216,029	\$109,978	\$326,007	\$39,278	\$78,556	19,639	\$188,534	\$490,975	\$164,968	\$39,278.00	\$117,834.00	\$39,278.00	\$294,585.0
Juneau*	8,950	3.8	34,010	\$98,450	\$50,120	\$148,570	\$17,900	\$35,800	8,950	\$85,920	\$223,750	\$75,180	\$17,900.00	\$53,700.00	\$17,900.00	\$134,250.0
Kenosha	37,402	4.68	175,041	\$411,422	\$275,279	\$686,701	\$74,804	\$149,608	37,402	\$424,887	\$935,050	\$248,349	\$74,804.00	\$224,412.00	\$74,804.00	\$561,030.0
Kewaunee	4,646	3.914	18,184	\$51,106	\$27,077	\$78,183	\$9,292	\$18,584	4,646	\$45,661	\$116,150	\$37,967	\$9,292.00	\$27,876.00	\$9,292.00	\$69,690.0
LaCrosse	26,799	3.92	105,052	\$294,789	\$156,506	\$451,295	\$53,598	\$107,196	26,799	\$263,702	\$669,975	\$218,680	\$53,598.00	\$160,794.00	\$53,598.00	\$401,985.0
Lafayette*	4,522	3.8	17,184	\$49,742	\$25,323	\$75,065	\$9,044	\$18,088	4,522	\$43,411	\$113,050	\$37,985	\$9,044.00	\$27,132.00	\$9,044.00	\$67,830.0
Langlade	5,893	4.26	25,104	\$64,823	\$38,422	\$103,245	\$11,786	\$23,572	5,893	\$61,994	\$147,325	\$44,080	\$11,786.00	\$35,358.00	\$11,786.00	\$88,395.0
Lincoln	8,194	4.4	36,054	\$90,134	\$55,719	\$145,853	\$16,388	\$32,776	8,194	\$88,495	\$204,850	\$58,997	\$16,388.00	\$49,164.00	\$16,388.00	\$122,910.0
Manitowoc	18,682	3.7	69,123	\$205,502	\$100,883	\$306,385	\$37,364	\$74,728	18,682	\$175,611	\$467,050	\$160,665	\$37,364.00	\$112,092.00	\$37,364.00	\$280,230.0
Marathon	31,116	3.7	115,129	\$342,276	\$168,026	\$510,302	\$62,232	\$124,464	31,116	\$292,490	\$777,900	\$267,598	\$62,232.00	\$186,696.00	\$62,232.00	\$466,740.0
Marinette	12,300	4.03	49,569	\$135,300	\$74,538	\$209,838	\$24,600	\$49,200	12,300	\$123,738	\$307,500	\$97,662	\$24,600.00	\$73,800.00	\$24,600.00	\$184,500.0
Marquette*	5,135	3.8	19,513	\$56,485	\$28,756	\$85,241	\$10,270	\$20,540	5,135	\$49,296	\$128,375	\$43,134	\$10,270.00	\$30,810.00	\$10,270.00	\$77,025.0
Menominee			0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
Milwaukee	173,713	4.619	802,380	\$1,910,843	\$1,257,335	\$3,168,178	\$347,426	\$694,852	173,713	\$1,952,187	\$4,342,825	\$1,174,647	\$347,426.00	\$1,042,278.00	\$347,426.00	\$2,605,695.0
Monroe*	10,171	3.8	38,650	\$111,881	\$56,958	\$168,839	\$20,342	\$40,684	10,171	\$97,642	\$254,275	\$85,436	\$20,342.00	\$61,026.00	\$20,342.00	\$152,565.0
Oconto	12,106	4.05	49,029	\$133,166	\$73,847	\$207,013	\$24,212	\$48,424	12,106	\$122,271	\$302,650	\$95,637	\$24,212.00	\$72,636.00	\$24,212.00	\$181,590.0
Oneida	15,500	3.75	58,125	\$170,500	\$85,250	\$255,750	\$31,000	\$62,000	15,500	\$147,250	\$387,500	\$131,750	\$31,000.00	\$93,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$232,500.0
Outagamie	41,324	3.98	164,470	\$454,564	\$246,291	\$700,855	\$82,648	\$165,296	41,324	\$411,587	\$1,033,100	\$332,245	\$82,648.00	\$247,944.00	\$82,648.00	\$619,860.0
Ozaukee	19,849	4.5	89,321	\$218,339	\$138,943	\$357,282	\$39,698	\$79,396	19,849	\$218,339	\$496,225	\$138,943	\$39,698.00	\$119,094.00	\$39,698.00	\$297,735.0
Pepin	1,917	3.5	6,710	\$21,087	\$9,585	\$30,672	\$3,834	\$7,668	1,917	\$17,253	\$47,925	\$17,253	\$3,834.00	\$11,502.00	\$3,834.00	\$28,755.0
Pierce	9,753	3.87	37,744	\$107,283	\$55,982	\$163,265	\$19,506	\$39,012	9,753	\$94,994	\$243,825	\$80,560	\$19,506.00	\$58,518.00	\$19,506.00	\$146,295.0
Polk*	13,546	3.8	51,475	\$149,006	\$75,858	\$224,864	\$27,092	\$54,184	13,546	\$130,042	\$338,650	\$113,786	\$27,092.00	\$81,276.00	\$27,092.00	\$203,190.0

