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Changes to Recording Fees/Social Security Protection

On May 12, 2010, Governor Doyle signed SB 507 into law. This legislation changes the recording fee structure for real estate documents filed with the county register of deeds and directs the register of deeds to redact social security numbers from electronic format records that are viewable or accessible on the Internet.

According to Joan Hansen, Vilas County Register of Deeds, "Effective June 25, 2010 the cost to record a real estate document in the Register of Deeds office will be \$30 regardless of the number of pages."

Formerly, the fee was based on the number of pages and has been modified from a per page fee to a standard flat fee of \$25 per document. Additionally, the legislation imposes a \$5 recording fee per document to cover the costs associated with redaction of social security numbers. The recording fee reverts to \$25 upon the earliest of the following 1) the Register of Deeds has successfully redacted all social security numbers from electronic format; 2) January 1, 2012, unless an extension of time is granted by DOA; or 3) January 1, 2015.

Hansen further noted that "in the interest of protecting our citizens, the Vilas County Register of Deeds office will begin redaction of social security numbers immediately and will continue to do so for any documents intended to be posted on the Internet in the future."

If you have questions regarding the new fees or the redaction process, contact the Register of Deeds office at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River WI 54521 or give them a call at (715) 479-3660.

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Photo caption: On May 12, 2010 Governor Doyle signs SB 507 (Flat Fee) into existence, standing next to Governor Doyle is Cathy Williquette's Granddaughter Morgen and from left to right: Terry Dietzel (Fond du Lac County), Cathy Williquette (Brown County) Rose Ottum (Trempealeau County), Dixie Edge (Iowa County) Kristi Chlebowski (Dane County) Senator Jon Erpenbach, Dan Young (Legislative Assistant to Rep. James Soletski)

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