

# City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 110206)

## AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 10-1001 of The Philadelphia Code relating to fees charged by the Commissioner of Records by providing that certain fees imposed for the recording of deeds shall be waived with respect to a deed filed solely for the purpose of removing the name of a deceased spouse or life partner and re-titling the property in the name of the surviving spouse or life partner.

### *THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

SECTION 1. Section 10-1001 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 10-1001. Fees of Commissioner of Records.

(1) Unless otherwise specified by law, the fees to be charged and collected by the Commissioner of Records shall be as follows:

(a) [for] *For* recording deeds, \$204.00: \$102.00 to be placed in the General Fund; and \$102.00 to be placed in the Housing Trust Fund to be used for the purposes specified in Chapter 21-1600 of this [Code;] *Code*. *Upon presentation of such proof as the Commissioner of Records may require, the fees imposed pursuant to this subsection (1)(a) shall be waived for recording any deed that transfers title from a deceased spouse or life partner, or the estate thereof, to the surviving spouse or life partner; or for recording any deed that confirms title in a surviving spouse or life partner.*

(b) [for] *For* recording mortgages, \$174.00: \$87.00 to be placed in the General Fund; and \$87.00 to be placed in the Housing Trust Fund to be used for the purposes specified in Chapter 21-1600 of this [Code;] *Code*.

(c) [for] *For* recording mortgage satisfaction pieces and the release and assignment of mortgages, \$172.00: \$86.00 to be placed in the General Fund; and \$86.00 to be placed in the Housing Trust Fund, to be used for the purposes specified in Chapter 21-1600 of this [Code;] *Code*.

(d) [for] *For* notary public commissions, City, county, or special police officer commissions, powers of attorney, and any other instrument of writing, including filings under the Uniform Commercial Code, [\$86.00;] *\$86.00*.

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(e) [the] *The* fees for recording documents not herein specifically provided for shall be the same as for similar documents, as nearly as can be practically ascertained.

(2) All fees shall be exclusive of any tax or any fee payable to any state or federal government entity now or hereafter provided by law which the Commissioner of Records is or shall be required to collect.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect in 60 days.

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**Explanation:**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.  
*Italics* indicate new matter added.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on June 2, 2011. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on June 15, 2011.



Michael A. Decker  
Chief Clerk of the City Council