

To: All Florida Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company

From: WFG Underwriting Department

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Subject: Recording Abstract Fees for Palm Beach County

In August of 2022, the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County starting charging an abstract fee for each legal description contained in the document being recorded. The Clerk will charge an abstract fee for each legal description that it can post to. For example, if a deed being recorded contains legal descriptions for four lots, four abstract fees will be charged instead of one abstract fee, which was how it would have been charged prior to August of 2022.

The Palm Beach County Clerk's Recording Fee Calculator, which can be found at this link: <u>Palm Beach County Recording Fee Calculator (mypalmbeachclerk.com)</u>, provides:

Each block or section of land in a metes and bounds description or a building, unit, lot tract, parking space, boat slip, cabana, storage unit, etc. constitutes a legal description. Each legal description will be counted and charged individually.

The Clerk states that Florida Statute 703.01 and Palm Beach County Resolution #2004-2566 allow it to change for legal descriptions at the rate of \$0.60 for the first legal description, \$0.60 for the second legal description, and \$0.20 for each legal description after that.

For questions regarding abstract fee charges in Palm Beach County, contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County. The contact information for the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County can be found at the following link: <a href="Recording Fees">Recording Fees</a> | Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller, Palm Beach County (mypalmbeachclerk.com)

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