

WFG Informational Bulletin

To: All Pennsylvania Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company
From: WFG Underwriting Department
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Subject: Delaware County Recording Fee Increase effective February 1, 2017 (Demolition Fund)

On November 4, 2016, Governor Wolf approved 2016 Act 152 (Act of Nov. 4, 2016, P.L. 1170, No. 152), authorizing counties in the Commonwealth to establish a county demolition fund and additional deed and mortgage recording fees. Specifically, it authorizes recorders of deeds to charge and collect an additional fee up to \$15.00 for each deed and mortgage recorded. The additional fees are intended to be used for demolition of dilapidated structures in blighted areas within that county.

The Pennsylvania Land Title Association has recently notified its membership that Delaware County has created a demolition fund and will collect an additional \$15.00 for each deed and mortgage recorded on and after February 1, 2017. Attached is a copy of the letter recently sent out from the Delaware County Recorder of Deeds [letter from the Delaware County Recorder of Deeds\[plta.org\]](http://plta.org) regarding the additional charge per document.

Since more counties will likely be taking advantage of this new statutory amendment and adding additional fees for this purpose, as always, we suggest you contact the appropriate county officials prior to providing quotes, estimates, closing disclosures, etc., to confirm the total fee due.

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