

WFG Informational Bulletin

To: All Pennsylvania Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company
From: WFG Underwriting Department
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Subject: Recording Fee Increases in some PA Counties; Updated 1099-S Form

Recording fees have increased in the counties listed below:

The Pennsylvania Land Title Association (PLTA) recently advised its members of recording fee increases in some counties in PA.

Click the county name to download the notice from the respective counties:

[Delaware County\[plta.org\]](#) | February 1, 2017 - Deeds and Mortgages only increased in Delaware County effective February 1, 2017 as we previously mentioned in our [PA2017-01 Informational Bulletin](#).

[Erie County\[plta.org\]](#) | March 1, 2017 - Erie County passed an Ordinance in December amending their Affordable Housing Fund Ordinance that resulted in an increase of their fee for recording Deeds and Mortgages. The new base fee beginning March 1, 2017 will be \$66.00.

[Dauphin County\[plta.org\]](#) | March 1, 2017 - Effective March 1, 2017 Dauphin County will increase their fee for recording Deeds and Mortgages by \$15. All such documents received after 4:30pm on 2/28/17 will be assessed the additional \$15 fee. Also, the base fee for all deeds - no matter which municipality the property is located in - will now be the same. Finally, the additional name fee will now only apply to those with 10 or more names to be indexed.

Any additional fee changes will be added to the [www.plta.org\[plta.org\]](#) website as they are notified.

IRS Form 1099-S (Proceeds From Real Estate Transactions):

There is an updated 1099-S form that went into effect on January 1, 2017. This new form added a checkbox to report the transfer of real estate by a foreign person. Penalties for filing incorrectly can be significant. Please confirm with your software providers that the updated form is being used.

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