



To: All Pennsylvania Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company  
From: WFG Underwriting Department  
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The Pennsylvania Land Title Association (“PLTA”) has informed its membership that a portion of the recording surcharge has expired due to the impasse in Harrisburg concerning the 2023-24 state budget. This concerns the fee for the Judicial Computer Project/Access to Justice/Criminal Justice Enhancement/Office of Attorney General (JCP/AJ/CJEA/OAG). Various county recorders may be handling this differently. Some, including Philadelphia, Montgomery, Delaware, Bucks and Adams, have reportedly reduced the fee for the time being, others, such as Westmoreland, may be still charging the full amount.

Unfortunately, the passage of a budget bill last week has not resolved this issue. A separate “Administrative Code” budget bill, which includes authorization for the recording surcharge, has not yet passed.

PLTA recommends checking with the Recorder of Deeds before your settlement to ensure you know the correct recording charge.

If you have any questions or issues regarding this, please reach out to the WFG Underwriting Department.

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