



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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**Referred to the
Committee of the Whole**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 10-1001 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Fees of Commissioner of Records," to increase the portion of fees for the recording of deeds and mortgages and related documents to be used for Housing Trust Fund purposes, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

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

TITLE 10. REGULATION OF INDIVIDUAL CONDUCT AND ACTIVITY

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CHAPTER 10-1000. FEES

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§ 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 recording deeds, two hundred [seventeen] *twenty* dollars [(\$217)] (\$220) to be allocated as follows: one hundred ten dollars (\$110) to be placed in the General Fund; and one hundred [seven] *ten* dollars [(\$107)] (\$110) to be placed in the Housing Trust Fund to be used for the purposes specified in Chapter 21-1600 of this Code; for deeds subject to additional fees under Section 2-202, additional fees in an amount determined by regulation of the Department of Records to cover the additional costs incurred by the City in investigating, processing, and administering the recordation of such deeds. Upon presentation of such proof as

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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. For those who present documentation that a recorded deed was fraudulent, recording fees for corrective deeds shall be waived; required documentation shall be determined by the Commissioner of Records.

(b) For recording mortgages, one hundred [eighty-seven] *ninety* dollars [(\$187)] (*\$190*) to be allocated as follows: ninety-five dollars (\$95) to be placed in the General Fund; and [ninety-two] *ninety-five* dollars [(\$92)] (*\$95*) to be placed in the Housing Trust Fund to be used for the purposes specified in Chapter 21-1600 of this Code.

(c) For recording mortgage satisfaction pieces and the release and assignment of mortgages, one hundred [eighty-five] *eighty-eight* dollars [(\$185)] (*\$188*) to be allocated as follows: ninety-four dollars (\$94) to be placed in the General Fund; and [ninety-one] *ninety-four* dollars [(\$91)] (*\$94*) to be placed in the Housing Trust Fund, to be used for the purposes specified in Chapter 21-1600 of this Code.

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Explanation:

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