

ORDINANCE NO. 2580

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY, CHAPTER 62 (“FEES”), ARTICLE VI (“RECORDER OF DEEDS”) REGARDING ONLINE DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL FEES

WHEREAS, Sussex County permits the public to access various online public records from the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County Code, Chapter 62 sets forth the fees associated with the document retrieval for these online records; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County wishes to amend the online document retrieval fee structure set forth in the Sussex County Code, as follows.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Sussex County Code, Chapter 62, Article VI, Section 62-18 (“Enumeration of Fees”) shall be amended by the addition of the underlined language and deletion of the language in brackets, as follows:

§ 62-18. Enumeration of fees.

(a) ...

(b) ...

(c) The following fees are hereby established for [Internet search,] Internet document retrieval [and Internet printing services and payment for such services], as follows:

(1) Monthly Subscriber charges for unlimited downloading of documents:

(a) [Per index search: no charge for index search.] Single-user login fee: \$50.00.

(b) [Per page printed: \$0.25 per page.] Enterprise fee, up to 10 logins/users: \$300.00.

[(c) Monthly subscriber fee: \$50 per month.]

(2) Nonsubscriber charges: per document downloaded: \$1.00.

[(a) Per index search: no charge for index search.]

[(b) Per page printed: \$1 per page printed.]

(3) [The Recorder of Deeds shall establish a standard subscriber agreement to be signed by persons or entities desiring to execute a subscriber agreement and the payment of the monthly fee specified above, which will entitle them to print copies of documents at the discounted per page rate set forth above.] The Recorder of Deeds shall establish a standard subscriber agreement that requires payment of a monthly fee for the subscriber option selected, entitling subscribers to download unlimited copies of documents at the monthly rate set forth above. The subscriber agreement must be executed by the subscriber(s) and may provide options for payment on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.

(4) The Recorder of Deeds shall establish and maintain an online payment system that will permit users of the digitized document search and retrieval system to pay for services provided to them using [through the use of] debit or credit cards or other commercially acceptable electronic payment methods.

Section 2. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2018.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2580 ADOPTED BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE 19TH DAY OF JUNE 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Re Griffith". The signature is stylized and cursive.

**ROBIN A. GRIFFITH
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**