



## KAREN A. YARBROUGH

OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY CLERK  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

April 20, 2023

Dear Commissioners:

At the upcoming Board meeting on April 27, you will be asked to consider Ordinance Amendment 23-2217, which is a perfunctory vote to adjust Cook County's Land Records Fee Schedule to reflect a fee increase enacted by the General Assembly in Springfield.

Specifically, legislators voted to raise the statewide Rental Housing Support Fee from \$9 to \$18 - all of which must be sent to the Illinois Department of Revenue. Because of the "Predictable Fee" law passed a few years ago by the General Assembly, counties must publish and update their fee schedules, and this ordinance simply adjusts the Document Class Flat Fee aggregate amounts to add the extra \$9.

Please note that your vote is NOT to increase the fee - Springfield already did that. Your vote is essentially to publish it and allow us to collect it. If this ordinance amendment is not passed, our office will still be required to send to the Illinois Department of Revenue an extra \$9 per transaction, which would have to come from existing revenue and result in a significant loss of funds if it is not adopted before July 1, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this Item, please contact my Deputy Chief of Staff, James Gleffe, at 312-603-6276.

Thank you.

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