



OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

April 26, 2014

Honorable Toni Preckwinkle
4th Ward Alderman,
City of Chicago
4659 South Cottage Grove Avenue, Suite 203
Chicago, Illinois 60653

Dear Honorable Preckwinkle:

Pursuant to our discussion, listed in the table below are some of the revenue initiatives the Clerk's Office is pursuing or has implemented:

Revenue Initiatives	Description	Projected Annual Revenue	Status
E-Plea Revenue Sharing- Vendor agrees to share the convenience fee collected from defendants with the Clerk's Office.	Acceptance of Electronic plea of guilty for traffic court diversion tickets through the Clerk's website.	\$275,000 (a)	Needs the approval of the AOIC and the Chief Judge.
E-Filing Revenue Sharing. Vendor agrees to share the convenience fee collected from e-filers with the Clerk's Office.	Filing of court documents via an automated processing service. Ultimately reduce costs related to the amount of paper, ink & data entry.	\$1.35 million (b)	Needs the approval of the AOIC and the Chief Judge.
Expand Smart Forms to several areas, charging a reasonable fee for the opportunity to complete forms that are designed to assist litigants.	User-friendly system that enables citizens of Cook County to go on-line to prepare and print the documents necessary to file their cases.	\$1.5 million	Needs the approval of the AOIC and the Chief Judge.
Domestic Violence Smart Forms- Share portals with other counties for a subscription fee.	Smart Form Portals developed by the Clerk's Office and vendor.	\$1.2 million	Needs the approval of the AOIC and the Chief Judge.

(a) With 100% adoption rate. 220,000 court diversion tickets per annum @ \$1.25

(b) Average of 412,265 new cases filed in civil areas of law. The service provider has agreed to share revenue, with the Clerk's Office receiving 2/3 of the convenience fee at \$4.95 per e-filing.

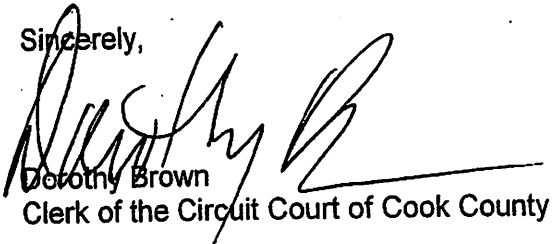
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In addition to implementing the above revenue initiatives, the Clerk's Office sought and received from the Cook County Board of Commissioners the authorization to place commercial and non-commercial advertising on the Clerk's Office website. This initiative generated approximately \$8,000 in revenue, in less than 3 months to the County with only a limited marketing strategy. The initiative was cancelled based upon a request from the Chief Judge.

Finally, as mentioned previously to you, I recommend that senior administrators in Cook County attend the "Driving Government Leadership Performance Program (Leadership Strategies that Produce Results)", to maximize performance, productivity and enhance leadership skills.

If you have any questions concerning the revenue initiatives listed above, you may contact me at (312) 603-5071.

Sincerely,



Dorothy Brown
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County