



LAKE COUNTY RECORDER ON THE RECORD



Lake County Ohio Recorder—Becky Lynch

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RECORDER DEPT Services:

- Regular onsite Recording Services
- Recording by eRecording
- Recording by mail
- Public Records Requests
- Microfilming Backup daily
- Property Fraud Alert Program
- Ohio Housing Trust Fund Collections
- Veteran I.D Card Program
- Honor Rewards Online
- Records Digitized and Online from 1985
- Website www.LakeCountyOhioRecorder.com
- Laredo Select remote access
- Laredo Anywhere remote access
- Ava Search Engine access
- Tapestry access nationwide
- Monarch records digital streaming
- Records Rooms open from 8a-4p
- Recorder Office open 8a-4p
- Same-Day Recording Time deadline 3:45p
- Public Record Request email:
RecorderPublicRecordRequest@LakeCountyOhio.gov

440-350-2510

Lake County Recorder Main Line

April ✝ Here we go April! So far we have seen every type of weather there is with a swing in temperature from summer to winter to spring and back in the first few days! But we have no worries, we are Ohioans. That's what we do.

What's up in April? Well, I got through **April 1** without any practical jokes being played on me, at least none that I know of! **April 2** is the historic USA Economic Liberation Day where the role that we play in world-wide trading is undergoing a correction by way of President Trump's reciprocal, Pro-US tariff policies. The stock market is reacting with much volatility as companies try to find a way to proclaim clarity. **April 12** was the birthday of a very famous gentleman by the name of James F. Smith 1933-1966, my amazing Dad. **April 15** is the day our taxes are due. **April 18** is Good Friday, please remember that we'll be closing early at 12Noon.

April 20 is Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! On this day we celebrate Eternal Faith, Hope and Happiness. Happy Easter!! May God Continue to Bless Us All! Speaking of Blessings, our Recorder Staff tops the list! We are working each day to keep your land records on time, in order, secure, and preserved for all time and your Lake County Recorder Team is THE very best!

Some more news about county recording fees, we have received some calls and have noted that there is some confusion on the fees because the surcharge fee is separated from the document recording fee. The Ohio County Recorder Surcharge of \$5.00 per document is listed, but appears in the subtitle on the official Table of Fees. At first glance there is a price of \$34.00 for the first two pages and \$8.00 for the additional pages. Since it does not show the total of \$39.00 with the surcharge in the price, it looks like an outdated amount but it is not an error. The amount is \$34.00 and in the next line of the subtitle it describes the surcharge which is added to the fee. Both The State of Ohio-County Recorder Table of Fees and the Ohio County Surcharge listing of counties are posted on our website and can also be reviewed online at the Ohio Recorder Association at www.OhioRecorders.com.

As of April 2, 2025 Ohio has 54 of 88 counties applying the \$5.00 surcharge as can be seen on the shaded map. This increase in fees became law on October 24, 2024 with SB 94 along with the Recorder Modernization efforts by the Ohio Legislature. Records digitization projects are under the same law and all counties are readying their land records to be, at minimum, available digitally from January 1, 1980 to present. Some have completed digitizing their records, others are in different stages of completion to meet the new requirement. In Lake County our records are digitized from 1985 so we have about five (5) years to go. Scanning to an electronic record and indexing (so that searchers can find them) takes place every day in our office. Not only are the new daily records instantly digitized as they are recorded, we are back-scanning historical records also.

The condition of the Real Estate Market depends on many factors including home prices, availability of inventory, interest rates, etc. In the Recorder Office we provide the services which help keep the Real Estate Market wheels rolling. Land ownership documents show who the buyers and sellers are by law, keeping this information secure and accessible is important for the benefit of all and truth in the marketplace.



Happy Easter!! May God Continue to Bless Us All!

-Recorder Becky Lynch

A note on this law and that \$20 that dings us on recordings; Standardization brings several benefits to multiple offices, parties in a transaction and the Official Public Record. The large top margin allows for approval stamps, the font size for readability, other sizing for scanning and digitizing. All these guidelines contribute to the validation of the Official RECORD created when your document is recorded.

Standard Recording Guidelines Ohio Revised Code §317.114

- Computer font size **at least** 10 point
- Minimum paper size – 8.5 x11 inches
- Maximum paper size – 8.5 x14 inches
- Black or Blue ink ONLY
- No use of highlighting
- Side & bottom Margins 1 inch each page
- Top Margin 3 inches on the first page
- Remaining pages 1.5 inch Top Margin

The goal is document standardization. We accept documents which do not conform. A fee of \$20.00 in addition to standard fees will apply. This Law does **not** apply to documents from a Court or Taxing Auth., Plats, DD214's, State or Federal document, or any document prior to July 1, 2009.

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WHAT'S UP NEXT MONTH?

- May 1: National Day of Prayer**
- May 11: Mother's Day**
- May 17: Armed Forces Day**
- May 26: Memorial Day**



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