



The Recorder

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E-recording is Growing



E-recording has been happening for a few years and is seeing continual growth. With Satisfactions and Assignments of Mortgage having been the first documents, and mortgages and non-conveyance documents beginning more recently, the number of electronic filings continues to grow. Deeds without a Certificate of Real Estate Value have been submitted/accepted to other counties already. In Pope County in 2009, seven percent of documents were filed electronically. The purpose of e-recording is to get documents to the Recorder's Office faster and more efficiently. Minnesota is a Race Notice state which means whoever records documents first wins the race or has priority. With e-recording, the time frame to have documents of record decreases significantly. Contact a vendor to find out how to sign up. Simplifile was the vendor who gave the presentation here in Pope County last fall.



Pope County Records are in.....

The Minnesota Official Marriage System (MOMS) is a web-based program developed by the Minnesota Association of County Offices in cooperation with the Local Registrars and is located at www.mncounty.com. All marriages statewide are entered into the system from the 1800s forward with the bride and groom's names prior to marriage, the date of the marriage, and the county that holds the record. The historical data entry of the project is expected to be completed in all counties by June 30. Pope County's past records are now complete.

The site will likely be used most often by genealogists, as well as real estate professionals, Human Service agencies, along with the general public who need to locate official records to document a legal name change.

Spring is
when you feel
like whistling
even with a
shoe full of
slush.



Torrens Title Reminders

A reminder that certain documents require Examiner's review prior to submittal for recording. If documents are received and require Examiner's review, they are returned to the presenter for direct submittal to the Examiner. Any dialogue regarding the documents takes place directly between the submitter and the Examiner. This process has been effective since January 1, 2007.



Following is the **Examiner Review Process**. This information also appears on the County web site under the Recorder's Office (www.co.pope.mn.us).

- All original documents requiring Approval and Certification prior to recording, as itemized on the Examiner's Document List, shall be forward directly to the Pope County Examiner of Titles for approval prior to presenting for recording to the Registrar of Titles.
- The Examiner will, within 10 days, complete the approval process, or contact the submitter with questions and/or concerns, or return the documents for correction or completion. Once the approval process is complete, the Examiner will forward the documents directly to the Registrar of Titles for recording.

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Information on Passport Fees

If anyone has plans to obtain or renew a passport, be aware that fees will be increasing soon. The official effective date is not known; however, the date will be in the very near future. According to Passport Services, the proposed fees are as follows:



US PASSPORT BOOK	Passport Fee	Acceptance Agency	Total
Adult	\$110	\$25	\$135
Minor (under 16)	\$ 80	\$25	\$105
US PASSPORT CARD			
Adult	\$ 30	\$25	\$ 55
Minor (under 16)	\$ 15	\$25	\$ 40
Expedite Fee	\$ 60		

Over the last five years, the demand for passports has increased to an average of 15 million per year. In 2005, 10.1 million passports were issued. At the peak, in 2007, 18.4 million were issued. Over 15 million are expected in 2010. The US Passport Book and US Passport Card for adults are valid for 10 years, and those for minors under 16 are valid for five years.

It is important to note, the US Passport is not just for travel purposes anymore. It serves as proof of US citizenship and identity for important purposes such as work authorization and eligibility for Federal benefits.

Make plans to obtain your passport. Current routine turnaround time is four to six weeks.

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