

1 not exceed 8 1/2 inches by 14 inches, plus ~~two dollars (\$2.00)~~ three
2 dollars (\$3.00) for each additional page or fraction thereof. ~~A page~~
3 ~~exceeding 8 1/2 inches by 14 inches shall be considered two pages.~~

4 When a deed of trust or mortgage is presented for registration that
5 contains one or more additional instruments, the fee shall be ten
6 dollars (\$10.00) for each additional instrument. A deed of trust or
7 mortgage contains one or more additional instruments if such
8 additional instrument or instruments has or have different legal
9 consequences or intent, each of which is separately executed and
10 acknowledged and could be recorded alone.

11 For recording records of satisfaction, or the cancellation of record
12 by any other means, of deeds of trust or mortgages, there shall be no
13 fee.

14 (2) Marriage Licenses. – For issuing a license ~~forty dollars (\$40.00); fifty~~
15 dollars (\$50.00); for issuing a delayed certificate with one certified
16 copy ~~five dollars (\$5.00); twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~; and for a
17 proceeding for correction of ~~names in an~~ application, license or
18 certificate, with one certified copy ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~. ten dollars
19 (\$10.00).

20 (3) Plats. – For each original or revised plat recorded twenty-one dollars
21 (\$21.00) per sheet or page; for furnishing a certified copy of a plat
22 ~~three dollars (\$3.00)~~. five dollars (\$5.00).

23 (4) Right-of-Way Plans. – For each original or amended plan and profile
24 sheet recorded ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~. twenty-one dollars (\$21.00), and
25 five dollars (\$5.00) per page for each additional page. This fee is to be
26 collected from the Board of Transportation.

27 (5) Registration of Birth Certificate One Year or More after Birth. – For
28 preparation of necessary papers when birth to be registered in another
29 county ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~; ten dollars (\$10.00); for registration when
30 necessary papers prepared in another county, with one certified copy
31 ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~; ten dollars (\$10.00); for preparation of necessary
32 papers and registration in the same county, with one certified copy ~~ten~~
33 dollars (\$10.00); twenty dollars (\$20.00).

34 (6) Amendment of Birth or Death Record. – For preparation of
35 amendment and affecting correction ~~two dollars (\$2.00)~~. ten dollars
36 (\$10.00).

37 (7) Legitimations. – For preparation of all documents concerned with
38 legitimations ~~seven dollars (\$7.00)~~. ten dollars (\$10.00).

39 (8) Certified Copies of Birth and Death Certificates and Marriage
40 Licenses. – For furnishing a certified copy of a death or birth
41 certificate or marriage license ~~three dollars (\$3.00)~~. ten dollars
42 (\$10.00). Provided however, a Register of Deeds may issue without

- 1 charge a certified Birth Certificate to any person over the age of 62
2 years.
- 3 (8a) Vital Records Network. – For obtaining access to the Vital Records
4 Computer Network, two dollars (\$2.00).
- 5 (9) Certified Copies. – For furnishing a certified copy of an instrument for
6 which no other provision is made by this section ~~three dollars (\$3.00)~~
7 five dollars (\$5.00) for the first page, plus ~~one dollar (\$1.00)~~ two
8 dollars (\$2.00) for each additional page or fraction thereof.
- 9 (10) Comparing Copy for Certification. – For comparing and certifying a
10 copy of any instrument filed for registration, when the copy is
11 furnished by the party filing the instrument for registration and at the
12 time of filing thereof ~~two dollars (\$2.00)~~ five dollars (\$5.00).
- 13 (11) Uncertified Copies. – ~~When, as a convenience to the public, the~~
14 ~~register of deeds who supplies uncertified copies of instruments, or~~
15 ~~index pages, as a convenience to the public, he may charge fees that in~~
16 ~~his discretion~~ the register of deeds determines bear a reasonable
17 relation to the quality of copies supplied and the cost of purchasing
18 and maintaining copying and/or computer equipment. These fees may
19 be changed from time to time, but the amount of these fees shall at all
20 times be prominently posted in ~~his office.~~ the office of the register of
21 deeds.
- 22 (12) Notarial Acts. – For taking an acknowledgment, oath, or affirmation or
23 performing any other notarial act the maximum fee set in G.S. 10A-10.
24 This fee shall not be charged if the act is performed as a part of one of
25 the services for which a fee is provided by this subsection; except that
26 this fee shall be charged in addition to the fees for registering, filing, or
27 recording instruments or plats as provided by subdivisions (1) and (3)
28 of this subsection.
- 29 (13) **(Effective until July 1, 2001)** Uniform Commercial Code. – Such fees
30 as are provided for in Chapter 25, Article 9, Part 4, of the General
31 Statutes.
- 32 (13) **(Effective July 1, 2001)** Uniform Commercial Code. – Such fees as
33 are provided for in Chapter 25, Article 9, Part 5, of the General
34 Statutes.
- 35 (14) Torrens Registration. – Such fees as are provided in G.S. 43-5.
- 36 (15) Master Forms. – Such fees as are provided for instruments in general.
- 37 (16) Probate. – For certification of instruments for registration as provided
38 in G.S. 47-14 two dollars (\$2.00).
- 39 (17) Qualification of Notary Public. – For administering the oaths of office
40 to a notary public and making the appropriate record entries as
41 provided in G.S. 10A-8 ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00).

1 (18) Reinstatement of Articles of Incorporation. – For filing reinstatements
2 of Articles of Incorporation prepared pursuant to G.S. 105-232; such
3 fees as provided for instruments in general. The fee shall be paid by
4 the corporation affected.

5 (19) Nonstandard document. – For registering or filing any document not in
6 compliance with the recording standards adopted under G.S. 161-
7 14(b), the fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) in addition to all
8 other applicable recording fees."

9 (19) (20) Miscellaneous Services. – For performing miscellaneous services
10 such as faxing documents, providing laminated copies of documents,
11 expedited delivery of documents, and similar services, the cost of the
12 service."

13 **SECTION 2.** Chapter 161 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
14 new section to read:

15 **"§ 161-11.3. Automation Enhancement and Preservation Fund.**

16 Ten percent (10%) of the fees collected pursuant to G.S. 161-10 and retained by the
17 county shall be set aside annually and placed in a nonreverting Automation
18 Enhancement and Preservation Fund, the proceeds of which shall be expended on
19 computer and imaging technology in the office of the register of deeds. Nothing in this
20 section shall be construed to affect the duty of the board of county commissioners to
21 furnish supplies and equipment to the office of the register of deeds."

22 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 65-13(c) reads as rewritten:

23 "(c) The party removing or causing the removal of all such graves shall, within 30
24 days after completion of the removal and reinterment, file with the register of deeds of
25 the county from which the graves were removed and with the register of deeds of the
26 county in which reinterment is made, a written certificate of the removal facts. Such
27 certificate shall contain the full name, if known or reasonably ascertainable, of each
28 decedent whose grave is moved, a precise description of the site from which such grave
29 was removed, a precise description of the site and specific location where the decedent's
30 remains have been reinterred, the full and correct name of the party effecting the
31 removal, and a brief description of the statutory basis or bases upon which such removal
32 or reinterment was effected. If the full name of any decedent cannot reasonably be
33 ascertained, the removing party shall set forth all additional reasonably ascertainable
34 facts about the decedent including birth date, death date, and family name.

35 ~~A fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for each page or portion of page of such~~ The fee for
36 recording instruments in general, as provided in G.S. 161-10(a)(1), for registering a
37 certificate of removal facts shall be paid to the register of deeds of each county in which
38 such certificate is filed for registration."

39 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 47-21 reads as rewritten:

40 **"§ 47-21. Blank or master forms of mortgages, etc.; embodiment by reference in**
41 **instruments later filed.**

1 It shall be lawful for any person, firm or corporation to have a blank or master form
2 of mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument conveying an interest in, or creating a
3 lien on, real and/or personal property, filed, indexed and recorded in the office of the
4 register of deeds. When any such blank or master form is ~~filed with~~ filed, the register of
5 ~~deeds, he~~ deeds shall record ~~the same, it~~ and shall index ~~the same it~~ in the manner now
6 provided by law for the indexing of instruments recorded in ~~his office,~~ the office of the
7 register of deeds, except that the name of the person, firm or corporation whose name
8 appears on such blank or master form shall be inserted in the indices as grantor and also
9 as grantee. The fee for filing, recording and indexing such blank or master form shall be
10 ~~five dollars (\$5.00).~~ that for recording instruments in general, as provided in G.S. 161-
11 10(a)(1).

12 When any deed, mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument conveying an interest
13 in, or creating a lien on, real and/or personal property, refers to the provisions, terms,
14 covenants, conditions, obligations, or powers set forth in any such blank or master form
15 recorded as herein authorized, and states the office of recordation of such blank or
16 master form, book and page where same is recorded such reference shall be equivalent
17 to setting forth in extenso in such deed, mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument
18 conveying an interest in, or creating a lien on, real and/or personal property, the
19 provisions, terms, covenants, conditions, obligations and powers set forth in such blank
20 or master form. Provided this section shall not apply to Alleghany, Ashe, Avery,
21 Beaufort, Bladen, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Cleveland, Columbus, Dare, Gates,
22 Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Iredell, Jackson, Martin, Moore, Perquimans, Sampson,
23 Stanly, Swain, Transylvania, Vance, Washington and Watauga Counties."

24 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 161-14 reads as rewritten:

25 "**§ 161-14. Registration of instruments.**

26 (a) ~~The~~ After the register of deeds has determined that all statutory and locally
27 adopted prerequisites for recording have been met, the register of deeds shall
28 immediately register all written instruments presented to him for registration. When an
29 instrument is presented for registration, the register of deeds shall endorse upon it the
30 day and hour on which it was presented. This endorsement forms a part of the
31 registration of the instrument. All instruments shall be registered in the precise order in
32 which they were presented for registration. Immediately after endorsing the day and
33 hour of presentation upon an instrument, the register of deeds shall index and
34 cross-index it in its proper sequence. ~~He~~ The register of deeds shall then proceed to
35 register it on the day that it is presented unless a temporary index has been established.

36 The register of deeds ~~may, in his discretion,~~ may establish a temporary index in
37 which all instruments presented for registration shall be indexed until they are registered
38 and entered in the permanent indexes. A temporary index shall operate in all respects as
39 the permanent index. All instruments presented for registration shall be registered and
40 indexed and cross-indexed on the permanent indexes not later than 30 days after the
41 date of presentation.

1 (b) All instruments presented for registration shall be on paper and in ink of a
2 color, quality, size, and condition that will permit the production of legible and
3 permanent reproductions thereof by photographic or microphotographic processes. If an
4 instrument presented for registration is in a condition that will not permit such
5 reproduction, the register of deeds shall endorse thereon the following notation: "Record
6 of poor quality due to condition of original document." He shall then register the
7 instrument in the usual manner. on paper shall meet all of the following requirements:

8 (1) Be eight and one-half inches by eleven inches or eight and one-half
9 inches by fourteen inches.

10 (2) Have a blank margin of three inches at the top of the first page and
11 blank margins of one-half inches on the remaining sides of the first
12 page and on all sides of subsequent pages.

13 (3) Be typed or printed in black on white paper in a legible font. A font
14 size no smaller than 10 points shall be considered legible.

15 (4) Have text typed or printed on one side of a page only.

16 (5) State the type of instrument at the top of the first page.

17 If an instrument does not meet these requirements, the register of deeds shall register
18 the instrument after collecting the fee for nonstandard documents as required by G.S.
19 161-10(a)(19) in addition to all other applicable recording fees.

20 (c) Transportation corridor official maps authorized under Article 2E of Chapter
21 136 shall be registered and indexed by the end of the third business day after the
22 business day the map is presented to the Register of Deeds."

23 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 136-19.4(e) reads as rewritten:

24 "(e) The register of deeds in each county shall collect a fee from the Department
25 of Transportation of ~~twenty one dollars (\$21.00) for the first page and five dollars~~
26 ~~(\$5.00) for each additional page for each original or amended plan and profile sheet~~
27 ~~recorded.~~ for recording right-of-way plans and profile sheets in the amount set out in
28 G.S. 161-10."

29 **SECTION 7.** Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the act become effective January 1,
30 2002, except that G.S. 161-10(a)(4), as amended in Section 1 of the act, is effective
31 retroactively to January 1, 2001. Section 5 of the act becomes effective July 1, 2002.
32 Sections 6 and 7 of the act are effective when they become law.