

December 16, 2024

2025 Fee Adjustment

Effective January 1, 2025 the Lewis County Clerk's Office will be adjusting some fees in the office to align with statutory regulations.

The first adjustment will be for Mortgage Discharges. Under the current fee schedule a Mortgage Discharge is \$50.50 and any additional discharge on the same document is charged \$13.50. I have done extensive research and can not find any statutory backing to this additional charge. To align with Statute beginning January 1, 2025 a Mortgage Discharge will continue to be \$50.50, but for any additional discharge on the same document it will be an additional \$50.50. This fee increase is supported by NYS RPP § 321 (3). **3. [...] In any such case except where otherwise expressly provided by law, the fee or fees which the recording officer is entitled to receive for filling and entering a certificate of discharge of a mortgage and examining assignments of such mortgage shall be payable with respect to each mortgage which the certificate purports to discharge, to the same extent as if a separate certificate of discharge had been filed for such mortgage.**

The Second adjustment will be in Court Records searches. Currently the fee is \$10.00 and that covers a 10 year period. To align with NYS CVP § 8020 (g) the fee will be five dollars per name per two-year consecutive period. **(g) Searches. For certifying to a search of any court records for a consecutive two-year period or fraction thereof, for each name so searched, five dollars.**

Thank you to your continued dedication to the residents of Lewis County, and thank you for your continued business with the Lewis County Clerk's Office.



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