Hello!

Welcome to the Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds Real Estate Newsgroup.

I wanted to let you know that an important change to Pennsylvania Notary Law happened on **Thursday, October 26**, when the **Pennsylvania Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts** went into effect. A few of these changes include:

- **The Recorder of Deeds Office will now collect $38.50 from notaries who are receiving their commission; the Prothonotary fee remains at $3.25.**

- **The Notary Stamp will no longer contain the municipality of the notary. It will include the notary’s commission number. Example:**

  ![Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Notary Seal](image)

  **John Q. Doe, Notary Public**
  **Dauphin County**
  **My commission expires May 19, 2019**
  **Commission number 1234567**

  NOTE: A notary public who holds a commission on October 26, 2017, may continue to use his/her stamp until the expiration of that commission which may occur after the effective date of this law.

- **Short Form Certificates**: Appearing below this email are short form certificates of notarial acts from the Pennsylvania Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts that are sufficient for the purposes indicated if completed with the information required by section 315(a) and (b) (relating to certificate of notarial act).

Please contact the [Pennsylvania Department of State](https://www.dos.pa.gov) with specific questions regarding the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts: 717-787-5280 or www.dos.pa.gov/notaries. [Click here](https://www.dos.pa.gov/notaries) to read the Pennsylvania Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts. [Click here](https://www.dos.pa.gov/notaries) to read the Pennsylvania Department of State’s Summary of the Major Changes Instituted by the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.

You are receiving this email because you are an attorney or professional who uses our office, and we believe you will find these messages informative and interesting. We will use this email platform to update you occasionally on important news from the Recorder of Deeds office, and let you know how we are working to serve you better. We welcome suggestions for items to be included in future updates.

Thank you,

Jeanne Sorg
Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds
Short form certificates: The following short form certificates of notarial acts are sufficient for the purposes indicated if completed with the information required by section 315(a) and (b) (relating to certificate of notarial act):

(1) For an acknowledgment in an individual capacity:
State of
County of
This record was acknowledged before me on _______________ (date) by ______________________ (name(s) of individual(s))
Signature of notarial officer
Stamp
Title of office
My commission expires:

(2) For an acknowledgment in a representative capacity:
State of
County of
This record was acknowledged before me on _______________ (date) by ______________________ (name(s) of individual(s)) as ______________________________ (type of authority, such as officer or trustee) who represent that (he, she or they) are authorized to act on behalf of ________________ (name of party on behalf of whom record was executed)
Signature of notarial officer
Stamp
Title of office
My commission expires:

(2.1) For an acknowledgment by an attorney at law pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 327 (relating to oaths and acknowledgments):
State of
County of
This record was acknowledged before me on _______________ (date) by ______________________ (name(s) of individual(s)) Supreme Court identification number ______________ as a member of the bar of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court certified that he/she was personally present when ______________________ (name(s) of individual(s)) executed the record and that _______________________ (name(s) of individual(s)) executed the record for the purposes contained therein.
Signature of notarial officer
Stamp
Title of office
My commission expires:

(3) For a verification on oath or affirmation:
State of
County of
Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on _______________ (date) by ____________________________________ (name(s) of individual(s)) making statement
____________________________________________
Signature of notarial officer
    Stamp
Title of office
My commission expires:

(4) For witnessing or attesting a signature:
State of
County of
Signed (or attested) before me on _________________________ (date) by _________________________
(name(s) of individual(s))
Signature of notarial officer
    Stamp
Title of office
My commission expires:

(5) For certifying a copy of a record:
State of
County of
I certify that this is a true and correct copy of a ____________________ in the possession of
____________________
Dated
Signature of notarial officer
    Stamp
Title of office
My commission expires:

(6) For certifying the transcript of a deposition:
State of
County of
I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the transcript of the deposition of ____________________
Dated
Signature of notarial officer
    Stamp
Title of office
My commission expires:

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