



OFFICE OF THE RECORDER

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VITAL RECORDS FEES TO INCREASE FOR FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

Johnson County, Iowa — If you need a certified vital record in Johnson County—like a birth certificate, marriage certificate or legal change of name—it will cost you a little more next year. Effective January 1, 2014, vital records fees throughout the State of Iowa will increase from \$15 to \$20 per transaction. The fee will revert to \$15 on July 1, 2019. The increase will be used solely to fund the re-engineering and integration of the statewide vital records system.

The increase includes the following vital records transactions:

- Searches for birth, death, marriage, and fetal death certificates, which include a certified copy of the record, if found.
- Additional certified copies of the same record that was searched as stated above.
- Newborn certified birth certificates issued to new parents by the State office after registration.
- Administrative processing at the State level, including but not limited to:
 - Adoption
 - Amendment
 - Legal Change of Name
 - Delayed Certificate
 - Court-Ordered Amendment
 - Court-Ordered Delayed Certificate
 - Court-Ordered Re-Establishment and/or Dis-Establishment
 - Search for supporting documents on file

“We have been notifying customers of the fee change and want them to know they can still get certified copies of these vital records for \$15 each through the end of December,” said Johnson County Recorder Kim Painter. “We encourage customers to stop in or call us with any questions. Starting on January 1, requests that are received by mail with the old \$15 fee enclosed will be returned.”

The Johnson County Recorder's Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm and is located on the second floor of the Johnson County Administration Building, 913 South Dubuque Street in Iowa City. As with most County offices, the Recorder's office will be closed for the holidays on Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25.