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LEGISLATIVE FEE INCREASE NOTICE PER OHIO REV. CODE §§ 317.32 AND 317.36

Due to the Ohio Legislature's passage of HB 166, effective October 17, 2019, the recording fees for most documents will increase by \$6. The new recording fee will be \$34 for the first two pages and, as it was before, \$8 for each additional page. The \$4 margin fee and standardization guidelines still apply. Half of all recording fees are required to be submitted to the state to credit the Ohio Housing Trust Fund. For further information from the Delaware County Recorder's office, please contact Melissa Jordan at mjordan@co.delaware.oh.us.

FRANKLIN COUNTY RAISES CONVEYANCE TAX TO \$3 PER \$1,000 OF SALES PRICE

The week of August 19, 2019, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners voted to increase the real property conveyance fee/tax to \$3 per \$1,000 of sales price, which is a fee/tax paid on every conveyance by deed of a parcel of real property (which is not exempt under one of the statutory exemptions from the fee/tax). This means that on a house sold for \$250,000, the seller (the grantor in the deed) will pay a fee/tax of \$750.

The Commissioners earmarked the proceeds of the increase, estimated at \$6.5 million per year, toward affordable housing development. Over ten years, Franklin County estimates that the \$65 million in fees/tax will help renovate or build about 2,050 units of affordable to low- and moderate-income households.

Delaware, Licking, Madison and Pickaway Counties are already at \$3 per \$1,000 of sales price. Union County is at \$2 per \$1,000. Fairfield County charges \$4 per \$1,000, which is the maximum amount permitted under the state law authorizing the board of commissioners of a county to charge a conveyance fee.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ASC GROUP, INC.

Congratulations to Shaune Skinner and Elsie Immel-Blei on ASC Group, Inc. being listed in Business First as the 37th largest women-owned business in central Ohio. ASC Group, Inc., which has been in business for 33 years, provides cultural and environmental resource consultant services. In addition to its home office in Columbus, it has offices in Indianapolis, Cleveland and Harrisburg. ASC Group, Inc. holds certification from 11 states, as well as from the federal government.

REPORT ON THE SUCCESS OF THE STRAND'S FREE SUMMER KIDS MOVIE SERIES

A number of times, we have indicated that the law firm and Olentangy Title Agency have sponsored a film at the Strand's Summer Kids Movie Series. Below is an article from The Strand Insider: Special Edition, which reported on this summer's series. This article is reprinted with permission.

Enhancing Your Quality of Life:

The Strand's Free Summer Kids Series has long been a staple in Delaware for decades. **The mission is to offer Delaware children free daytime entertainment, teach them to give to those in need and provide essential supplies to local charities.** The Strand takes great pride in this long-standing program of giving from one generation to the next!

"As we look ahead, we ask ourselves, how can we make this program better for everyone - the children, local charities and the Strand? The Strand needs to show the best movies available to ensure greater attendance. Greater attendance means more charitable donations. Greater attendance also increases concession sales. That along with our generous sponsors allow us to provide this program at no cost to the public," said Tracey Peyton, the Strand's managing director.

The results are in for this year's June and July Summer Kids Series. During the two months, 3,909 patrons contributed to eight nonprofit agencies. Through the program, the agencies collectively received:

- \$420.75 in cash donations
- 488 pounds of food provided for People in Need
- 140 games and toys provided for Big Brothers Big Sisters, Delaware County
- 1,046 personal care items
- 50 laundry items
- 233 baby items
- 753 school and office supply items

"It is so fulfilling to see children come in excited to give to our nonprofit recipients," Peyton said. "When we can instill this spirit of generosity at such a young age, this is only a glimpse of what is to come - a future of charitable adults, which is something that all nonprofits need. It makes my heart melt to see our patrons answer this call to action."

On behalf of the team at the Strand, the Board of Directors and our generous sponsors, **THANK YOU** for enhancing our quality of life here in Delaware!

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