

RECORDER OF DEEDS - Fees to be charged for recording Deeds  
of Trust.

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June 12th, 1934.

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Honorable W. B. Sydnor, Sec-Treas.  
Lafayette County Nat'l Farm Loan Ass'n.  
Dover, Missouri

Dear Sir:

We have your request of May 25th, 1934  
for an opinion as to the proper amount a Recorder of  
Deeds is entitled to charge for recording Federal  
Land Bank and Land Bank Commissioner Deeds of Trust.

In answer to your inquiry, we quote you  
Section 11804, Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1929,  
which provides:

"Recorders shall be allowed fees for  
their services as follows:

For recording every deed of  
instrument, for every hundred  
words.....\$ .10

In addition to the above fee  
for recording deeds, they  
shall be allowed for re-  
cording every such instru-  
ment relating to real estate,  
a fee of ten cents, as a  
compensation for making and  
preserving direct and inverted  
indexes to every book contain-  
ing deeds affecting real es-  
tate.

For every certificate and seal.. .50

For recording a plat of survey,  
if not more than six courses.... .40

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For every course above six  
of the same..... .02

For copies of plats, if not  
more than six courses..... .40

For every course above six..... .02 "

You will note from the above statute that a Recorder is entitled to a fee of ten cents (10¢) per hundred words. The charge for recording various deeds and Deeds of Trust will therefore vary according to the number of words contained in each, and in order to get uniformity of charges, the Deeds of Trust must contain the same number of words. The charges set out in this statute are the lawful charges the Recorder is entitled to make for recording Deeds of Trust mentioned in your letter.

Yours very truly,

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