

**LAPORTE COUNTY  
RECORDER'S FEE SCHEDULE  
FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE 1/1/2008**

**La Porte County Recorder**

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- 1. DEEDS**  
Not exceeding 8-1/2"x 14" .....\$16.00  
Each additional page not exceeding 8-1/2"x 14"..... 2.00
  - 2. MORTGAGE**  
Not exceeding 8-1/2"x 14".....14.00  
Each additional page not exceeding 8-1/2"x 14" .... 2.00
  - 3. AFFIDAVITS/OTHER DOCUMENTS..... 11.00**  
Each additional page etc. .... 2.00
  - 4. EACH RELEASE/PARTIAL  
RELEASE/ASSIGNMENT**  
Not exceeding 8-1/2"x 14" ..... 12.00  
Each additional page not exceeding 8-1/2"x 14" .... 2.00
  - 5. ANY DOCUMENT EXCEEDING 8-1/2"x 14" ... 20.00**  
Each additional page exceeding 8-1/2"x 14"..... 5.00
  - 6. MECHANICS LIEN**  
With one first-class mailing..... 13.00  
Each additional page and/or mailing ..... 2.00
- ADDITIONAL SERVICES:**
- 7. EACH CROSS REFERENCE**  
of a recorded document ..... 1.00
  - 8. FURNISHING PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES**  
Per page ..... 1.00  
Copies larger than 8-1/2"x 14" ..... 2.00
  - 9. CERTIFYING or acknowledging a document .... 5.00**
- UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE LIENS:**
- FINANCING STATEMENT**  
2 pages or less ..... \$9.00  
3 pages or more ..... 13.00
- FINANCING STATEMENT AMENDMENT**  
(Continuation, Amendment, Assignment, Termination)  
2 pages or less ..... 9.00  
3 pages or more ..... 13.00
- SEARCH ONE NAME ..... 10.00**  
Each additional name ..... 5.00

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**Blanket Documents Not Accepted by this Office**

The Office of Recorder was the first Constitutional Office in County Government in Indiana.

**Your County Recorder:**

- Records any instrument submitted for recording, providing it meets essential requirements. (See below).
- Records Deeds, Mortgages, Assignments, Releases, Powers of Attorney, Real Estate Contracts, Annexations, Trustee Elections, Affidavits, Final Decrees, Surveys, Federal Tax Liens, Mechanics Liens, Military Discharges, Articles of Incorporation, Cemetery Deeds, Bonds, Plats, Condominiums, Firms Doing Business Under Assumed Names, Delinquent Sewer Liens, and Miscellaneous Instruments.
- Files Uniform Commercial Code instruments.
- Supplies copies of any instrument and certifies upon request. (Fee charged).

**Essential Recording Requirements**

**Acknowledgements:** To entitle any conveyance, mortgage or instrument of writing to be recorded.  
**Legibility of Names:** Typed or printed under each signature exactly as signed.  
**Name of Person Preparing Instrument:** Each document affecting real estate.  
**Notarized Documents:** Requires county residence of notary and commission expiration.  
**Transfer of Deeds of Taxation:** Endorsement by Auditor before recording.  
**Release of Satisfaction of Liens:** May be executed by President, Vice-President, Cashier, Secretary, Treasurer, General Manager, or Attorney-in-Fact only.  
 Per I.C. 36-2-7-10 (b) (11), the county legislative body may enact an ordinance to establish a supplemental fee of not more than \$3.00 to record a single document.



Brief History of La Porte County  
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General Information

La Porte County was once part of St Joseph County and was called Deschemin Township of St Joseph County. La Porte County was established in 1832. The County has 369,680 acres and had 19 townships. It shares boundary lines with the State of Michigan to the north, St Joseph County to the east, the Kankakee River and Starke County to the south and Porter County to the west.

The Pottawatomie Indians ceded to the United States Government a strip of land 100 ft wide and every other section of land continuous to build a road from Lake Michigan to the Ohio River. Michigan Road is (now US 35).

The first election in La Porte County was held in a log cabin near New Carlisle. A man named Aaron Stanton was elected chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

The Town of La Porte was platted in 1833. All the streets around the court house were named Main Street. There were East Main, South Main, West Main and North Main Street.

The City of Michigan City was platted in 1835 with the town square being bordered by Michigan St on the north, Franklin St on the East, 4<sup>th</sup> Street on the south and Washington St on the West.

The first lands granted to individuals were done so by patents from the United States Government. or by the State of Indiana and not by deeds.

The first patent was granted to Adam Keith on August 9<sup>th</sup> 1832 for a piece of property in Section 9 Township 36 Range 3 West (Scipio Township) by the State of Indiana.

Today there are 21 Townships which are divided into 51 taxing districts.

The Recorders Office is charged with archiving and preserving land documents. Originally all documents were hand written into books and a separate book was maintained for each type of transaction. Later as technology advanced the mimeograph machine was used to copy the documents. These black backed documents were bond into books and are on file.

In 1969 the State of Indiana ordered all documents to be microfilmed since valuable information was being lost due to paper deterioration and ink disappearing on the hand written documents.

Today the computer has enabled us to scan documents into an archive system and the software allows the searcher to bring forth an image of a document by simply typing in a name. This software was introduced into the Recorders Office in 2002. Since introduction the Recorders Office has back archived and back indexed all documents to the year 1984.

Anyone who regularly searches land records can have continuous access to these records by subscribing to Laredo or for an occasional search the Recorders Web page will allow you to dial into the Tapestry System at a small fee.

