

LOCAL LAW 6 OF 2003
Introduced by Supervisor Williamson

**A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A RECORDING AND
ENDORSEMENT PAGE TO BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH LAND DOCUMENT
RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CLERK**

BE IT ENACTED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. Name. This local law shall be known as the Washington County Recording and Endorsement Page Law.

Section 2. Authority. This local law is enacted under authority of Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, Article IX of the State Constitution of New York, the County Law, and other applicable statutory and decisional law.

Section 3. Findings and Declaration of Intent. This Board of Supervisors recognizes the paramount importance of the efficient accurate and timely processing of recorded land documents in the Washington County Clerk's Office and the importance of the ability to electronically record and process said documents. This Board of Supervisors recognizes further that such efficiency is increasingly requiring the use of electronic formats to support it.

Further, requirements of the State concerning the affixing of various stamps and recording indices on recorded land records often requires more space on documents than is currently available.

In order to address these situation, the Board of Supervisors finds it necessary to implement a cover page requirement for such documents.

Section 4. Recording of Documents and Other Materials.

A. Every instrument or document presented for recording in land records in the office of the Washington County Clerk, in order to entitle same to be recorded, shall have attached to the front of such document a recording and endorsement page to be provided by the County Clerk. Endorsed on such page shall be a designation of each and every town in Washington County in which the land affected by such recording is situated. The recording and endorsement page shall be recorded with the subject instrument proceeded by the words "I hereby certify that the within and foregoing was recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Washington County, New York.

B. The Washington County Clerk shall prepare an appropriate form for said recording and endorsement page in compliance with the requirements of this local law and may require the use of said form or a facsimile thereof. Further, the Clerk shall cause to be published a notice to the public of the procedures of this law to inform the public of its

implementation.

C. The recording and endorsement page shall form part of the land records and as such, shall be subject to a fee as determined in New York Civil Practice Law and Rules Section 8021 (a)(4)(a) for filing.

Section 5. Separability and Saving Provisions. This local law is separate and apart from any other local law and each provision hereof is separate from any other provision. If this law or portion thereof is found to be invalid, no other law or unaffected portion of this law shall be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective Date. This law shall be effective January 1, 2004.