

**Local Law Providing for Enhanced Personal Privacy Protection
for Documents Recorded in the Office of the County Clerk,
and Authorizing an Increase in Fees Collected by the
County Clerk for the Recording, Entering, Indexing and
Endorsing a Certificate on any Instrument.**

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of Cortland County as follows:

Section 1. Title.

This law shall be known as the "Enhanced Personal Privacy Protection for
~~Recorded Documents Law."~~

Section 2. Declaration of intent.

In accordance with subparagraph (2) of paragraph 4 of subdivision (a) of section 8021 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, as amended by Chapter 78 of the Laws of 1989, the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes and directs the Cortland County Clerk to increase the fees charged for certain documents recorded with the county clerk's office in accordance with Section 3 herein.

Section 3. Fees for recording documents.

The fee for recording, entering, indexing and endorsing a certificate on any instrument, be and here is increased from five dollars (\$5.00) to twenty dollars (\$20.00) and, in addition thereto, the fee for each page or portion of a page be and hereby is increased from three dollars (\$3.00) to five (\$5.00) dollars. For the purpose of determining the appropriate recording fee, the fee for any cover page shall be deemed an additional page of the instrument. A cover page shall not include any social security account number or date of birth. To the extent that the Cortland County Clerk has placed an image of such cover page on line, the county clerk shall make a good faith effort to redact such information.

Section 4. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this local law is for any reason declared unconstitutional, or invalid or in whole or in part by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such unconstitutionality or invalidation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this law which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect thirty days after filing in the office of the secretary of state pursuant to section 27 of the municipal home rule law.