LAPORTE COUNTY
RECORDER’S FEE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE 7/1/2017

1. DEEDS & ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTS,
   including re-recorded instruments
   (fee includes -1- oversize page)
   Not exceeding 8-1/2"x 14" .............................. $25.00

2. MORTGAGES (including Subordinate Mortgages)
   and re-recorded mortgages
   Not exceeding 8-1/2"x 14" .............................. $55.00

* ADDITIONAL PAGES EXCEEDING 8½” X 14”
   WITHIN ANY DOCUMENT SHALL BE CHARGED. $5.00

3. MECHANICS LIEN including one mail out ........... $25.00
   Each additional mail out ............................. $2.00

4. EACH ADDITIONAL CROSS REFERENCE
   (after the first) ....................................... $7.00

COPIES 11” X 17” or Smaller, per page ............... $1.00
COPIES Larger than 11” x 17”, per page ............... $5.00

CERTIFICATION of DOCUMENT ........................ $5.00

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE LIENS:

UCC, FINANCING STATEMENT
   2 pages or less ...................................... $9.00
   3 pages or more .................................... $13.00

UCC Continuation, Amendment or Assignment
   2 pages or less ...................................... $9.00
   3 pages or more .................................... $13.00

UCC-11 Information Request, per debtor name ....... $10.00
   Each Additional Name ............................... $5.00

Blanket Documents ARE NOT Accepted by this Office

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

Your County Recorder:

X Records any instrument submitted for recording, providing it meets essential requirements. (See below).


X Files Uniform Commercial Code instruments.

X Supplies copies of any instrument and certifies upon request. (Fee charged).

Essential Recording Requirements

Documents must be legibly typed or printed. Names must be typed or printed under each signature. They must be Identical.

Name of preparer of instrument must be noted.

Indiana Notary must include County of Residence and commission expiration date.

All conveyances must contain Auditor’s Endorsement.

All conveyances must specify: Grantee’s Address:

Releases endorsed by: President, Vice President, Cashier, Secretary, Treasurer, General Manager or Attorney-in-fact only, will be accepted Power of Attorney Documents must be recorded if used.

All Documents must have an affirmation statement.

(RE: Social Security Numbers).
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, 4th 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 9th 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 1900.

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 for a small fee.