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To Whom it May Concern:

Our legislators passed HB 1392 to increase the mortgage certification fee from five dollars (\$5.00) to ten dollars (\$10.00).

The county treasurer collects all real estate mortgage taxes for schools and must keep an accurate and current record of all mortgage taxes received. In addition to mortgage taxes, the county treasurer collects a five-dollar (\$5.00) mortgage certification fee on each mortgage presented.

This fee, which has been in effect since 1964, supports our computer software, accounting systems, office security, and other capital outlay expenses required for offices to operate safely, accurately, and efficiently. The last amendment for Title 68 SEC 1904B was in 1994. Capital outlay expenses have tremendously increased.

Please be advised the increase from five dollars (\$5.00) to ten dollars (\$10.00) for mortgage certification fees will take effect November 1, 2025

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Respectfully,

Kim Hale, Murray County Treasurer