

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



**JUDITH A. PASCALE**  
COUNTY CLERK

**TO:** All Title, Abstract Companies and Interested Parties

**FROM:** Christopher Como, Esq., Sen. Official Examiner of Title  
Anna Curella, Senior Deputy County Clerk

**DATE:** 3/4/20

**RE:** NEW REAL PROPERTY LAW EFFECTIVE MARCH 11, 2020

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On January 11, 2020 Governor Cuomo signed into law an amendment to Real Property Law Section 291 that requires County Clerks to notify the owner(s) of record of residential real property when a document is recorded affecting said residential property. This fee does not apply to commercial transactions.

The law also allows a reasonable fee to be assessed for said notices. The NYS Association of County Clerks, in order to provide uniformity throughout NYS, has determined that \$10 is a reasonable fee per deed.

**Suffolk County is awaiting passage of a local law to permit the collection of the \$10 fee and will NOT be collecting the fee effective March 11, 2020. We will notify all necessary parties once an effective day is set.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at (631) 852-2000 ext. 100