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Payment for Services Policy (Last Updated 01/2024)

The Jefferson County Clerk's Office currently accepts Cash, Check, Money Order, Visa, and MasterCard. Please see below for additional information.

- 1. <u>ALL</u> Checks must be preprinted with a name, address, and bank account number. A phone number is required and may be written in separately.
- 2. Checks may be an attorney's check; a title company check; a corporate or business check; a certified check; a bank check; a credit union check; a credit union money order; or a postal money order. All checks must be made payable to "Jefferson County Clerk".
- All personal checks greater than \$500.00 must be certified and contain all of the information listed in item number one. Out of state personal checks will <u>NOT</u> be accepted. Payments sent from outside of the United States must be made by money order, in U.S. Funds, and drafted from a U.S. Bank.
- 4. The Jefferson County Clerk's Office will <u>NOT</u> process transactions that are short of the statutory fees. Transactions may be processed with fee overages not to exceed \$10.00 per receipt.
- 5. Effective immediately the Jefferson County Clerk's Office will **NO LONGER** accept Checks for County Court Fines or Copy Requests.
- 6. Mailed copy requests must be paid for by Money Order or Credit Card only.
- 7. Checks will only be accepted from those parties involved in the transaction, unless the individual on the account is present. (Ex: Seller; buyer; their attorneys; licensed title company; or licensed financial institution.) No third-party checks will be accepted.
- 8. No personal checks will be accepted after 90 days of the issue date. No business, corporate or attorney checks will be accepted after 180 days of the issue date.
- 9. Checks returned to this office unpaid by the bank will be subject to a \$40.00 service charge plus any applicable bank fees. Any customer who bounces more than one check will no longer be able to submit checks as a form of payment.
- 10. There is a transaction fee of 3% + \$0.69 for each payment made by credit card.
- 11. If there is a question or further clarification is needed, please speak with the Deputy or County Clerk.

Abstractor tab payments must be paid in full by 10:00 am the next business day. On the last business day of each month, all tab payments must be made the same day.