

NOTES FOR THE DESK OF THE D.C. RECORDER OF DEEDS

OCTOBER 12, 2004

1. Bill 15-462, Deed Recordation Tax and Related Amendments Act of 2004, became D.C. Law 15-176, effective September 8, 2004. This law exempts from taxation deeds recorded by domestic partners. Section 41-1102 and 47-902 of DC Code is amended by striking the phrase "or parent and child" and inserting the phrase "parent and child, or domestic partners as defined in section 2 (3) of the Health Care Benefits Expansion Act of 1992, effective June 11, 1992", in its place.

The D. C. Recorder of Deeds will require a notarized Domestic Partnership Affidavit in order to substantiate the exemption (See attached formed).

2. Effective November 15, 2004, in order for a claimant to file a Notice of Mechanic's Lien, the D. C. Recorder of Deeds will require a certificate of good standing issued by the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs within the last 2 years AND a certificate of good standing issued by the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue, including the contractor's federal and local tax identification number.
3. The Recorder of Deeds will receive an upgraded version of the Land Records Management System formally known as Landscan. The new name is e-STAR. Training for the new version is schedule for the Land Title Industry on October 29, 2004 from 9:00 to 4:00, in thirty-minute increments. The training is first come-first serve, therefore, please sign the signup roster located in ROD's Customer Service Area.
4. RPT2000 will be replaced by the ITS System in early-to-mid December. Training for the Land Title Industry will be scheduled in the near future.
5. We have received several applications for the Deputy Recorder of Deeds position. Interviews should start no later than October 18,

2004. An interview committee will select the Deputy Recorder of Deeds.