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LAND SERVICES TO ELIMINATE PARCEL SPLIT AND CONSOLIDATION FEES IN 2016

Effective January 1, 2016, Crow Wing County will be eliminating fees to taxpayers for splitting or consolidating their property on county tax records, Land Services Director Mark Liedl has announced. Previously, the county charged \$50 for each transaction splitting or consolidating property.

"Eliminating these fees reflects our ongoing commitment to provide excellent customer service at the lowest possible cost." Liedl stated.

According to Liedl, in 2015 the county collected over \$13,000 in fees from taxpayers who split off a portion of their property or consolidated different parcels into a single tax statement containing each parcel, rather than separate tax statements for each parcel.

Liedl encourages taxpayers who own multiple parcels to consolidate them into a single tax statement. The consolidation process allows taxpayers to keep multiple parcels distinct while receiving a single tax statement for all parcels, benefiting both the taxpayer and the county.

"We hope the elimination of fees for this service will help encourage consolidations, making things more efficient for property owners and for the county. Among other things, consolidating parcels for tax purposes will result in increased efficiencies in our assessing process and reduce the costs of printing and mailing multiple tax statements to property owners," he noted.

Taxpayers who are interested in learning more about whether their property meets the conditions for consolidation can visit www.crowwing.us and search "consolidation".

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