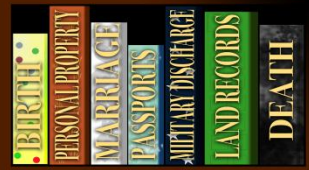


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NOTARY TIP



If you are a Minnesota notary look at your notary commission and pay attention to how you signed your name. This signature is on record and used to verify if you notarized a document. If your signature on a document doesn't match your notary commission documents can be rejected. Due to all the robo-signing headlines more notary signatures are being scrutinized nationwide. Be sure to sign as you did on your commission to avoid having documents rejected. When you renew your notary commission you have an opportunity to get a new shortened version of your signature on record and then stick with that signature.

CREDIT CARDS

The Clay County Recorder's has been beta testing a credit card acceptance software package. It isn't easy for government agencies to accept credit cards because we have so many different types of fees and statutes that limit what we can do. In the recorder's office most of our fees are set by state statute and some are set by the County Board resolution. We collect our fee and the credit card service provider imposes their own fee.



The Clay County Highway Department has also been beta testing accepting credit cards using an e-permit program online. The customer can request an overweight permit, receive approval and submit payment all from their desktop while avoiding filling out forms and making phone calls or driving to the Highway Department.

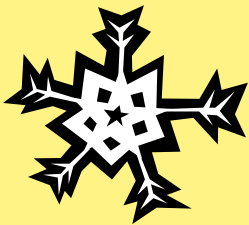
Credit card acceptance will be expanding to other departments soon. The convenience is often worth the additional fee from the credit card service provider.



E-Marriage applications are coming. Imagine, applying for a marriage license while sitting on your couch with your future spouse. You will still need to come in person to sign, have your ID verified and take your license with you.



Record splits in tax parcels NOW before 2013 property taxes are imposed.



e-CRV

Minnesota Department of Revenue (MDR) wants all document submitters to use e-CRVs. Recently MDR has been working to make the e-CRV process more user friendly for document submitters. This is their new web address:

www.Revenue.state.mn.us/CRV

The e-CRV process was created to work with all types of situations including splits in tax parcels.

CRVs are Certificates of Real Estate Value used when land is sold to clarify many factors related to the land such as property use type and purchase agreement information.

[Read more about new features.](#)

[Find an accepted eCRV.](#)

[Learn more about the eCRV project.](#)

[Enter a sample eCRV in a test environment.](#)

Clay County e-recorded an average of 25% of our real estate documents in 2012.

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**