



# Saint Louis County

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### **St. Louis County Recorder's Office unveils e-recording option**

Real estate transactions in St. Louis County are about to become much more efficient. The St. Louis County Recorder's Office is launching an e-recording option, which it will demonstrate for area title companies and other interested parties on Tuesday, June 18, at 1:30 p.m. in the Recorder's Office, room 101 of the Courthouse in Duluth.

E-recording is a safe and convenient way to electronically create, sign, transmit, record, index, archive, process payments for and return real property documents. Previously, documents had to be filled out and signed, then mailed or delivered with a check to the Recorder's Office, where it was reviewed, processed and copied, and then returned to the submitter. If the Recorder's Office found any errors in the document, the submitter would have to correct those and re-file the paperwork. This labor-intensive process typically takes several days. Now, with e-recording, documents and payments are submitted online and can be reviewed and processed by the Recorder's Office staff almost immediately, and then returned to the submitter.

Besides being more efficient, e-recording saves paper and eliminates postage and courier costs. Likewise, payments are handled electronically in partnership with the County Auditor's Office, eliminating the need to write checks or arrange cash payments.

"This is a historic event for St. Louis County and the people we serve," said Mark Monacelli, Director of Public Records and Property Valuation. Monacelli has led efforts nationally to establish government standards for e-recording. "Approximately two million documents are e-recorded each month nationwide, saving documents submitters and government tens of millions of dollars annually in processing costs."

Initially, the County will accept two types of documents through e-recording: satisfactions of mortgage and assignments of mortgage. Additional documents will be added in the future, and the expectation is that within a few years, 50 to 75 percent of all records will be handled electronically.

The St. Louis County Recorder's Office handles more than 150 types of legal documents. Real estate records are processed at two locations – in Duluth and Virginia. For more information about e-recording or any of the services provided by the Recorder's Office, visit [stlouiscountymn.gov](http://stlouiscountymn.gov) or call (218) 726-2677.

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