



# Waukesha County

## Office of the Register of Deeds

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### **WAUKESHA COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS TO PROVIDE ALL SERVICES ONLINE, BY MAIL OR THROUGH DROP-OFF OPTIONS**

*Public lobby will close indefinitely after Wednesday, March 18, 2020 due to COVID-19*

**(Waukesha, WI)**- Starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, March 19, the Waukesha County Register of Deeds will take recommended health and safety precautions to protect the public and reduce the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) by conducting all public services through online, mail and drop off options. Public access to the office will be unavailable in order to keep residents and employees safe while continuing to serve customers.

The office will remain fully staffed and staff will continue to process vital records applications, record real estate documents and fulfill document copy requests during regular business hours. They will also be available to answer phone calls and emails to assist customers with any questions they may have. Land records dating back to 1915 are also available to view and purchase online.

“The health and safety of our employees and customers remains our top priority,” said Waukesha County Register of Deeds James Behrend. “Limiting physical access allows the public and our staff to conduct business without jeopardizing their health. It also insures maintaining the social distance necessary to limit the spread of corona virus in our community.”

The Waukesha County Register of Deeds Office will continue to closely monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the community and will determine when the office will reopen at a later date, based off of the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Waukesha County Public Health.

#### **About the Office of Register of Deeds**

The Office of Register of Deeds serves a vital function. We maintain real estate records that are relied upon by the real estate, lending and property title insurance community. We are also part of the Wisconsin vital records system; we issue birth, death, and marriage records that are critical to personal identification and security.

Customers can get detailed information about service options by visiting our website at [www.waukeshacounty.gov/rod](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/rod) or by calling our office at 262-548-7583.

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