

***Public Hearing
Local Law Introductory C of 2008
October 9, 2008***

The Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory C of 2008 A Local Law providing for an increase in fees collected by the County Clerk for the recording, entering, indexing, and endorsing a certificate on any instrument was called to order by the Chair at 1:31 P.M. Seven Legislative members were present, Legislators Huttleston and McEwen being absent.

There were 5 people in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

County Clerk Robert Woodburn spoke. “I gave my summary and my speech at the committee meeting several months ago, and I see I really do not have an audience here to relay information to. If you ladies and gentlemen have any more questions about this fee increase I would be glad to try and answer them.

“I will say one thing it breaks my heart to have to ask for a fee increase, even though the State said we are going allow you Counties to raise your fees, I do not like it. It is just another tax and our citizens and our taxpayers are going to get jabbed when they come to record a mortgage or a deed, or want certified copies of something, they are going to pay more money.

“The other side of the coin is if we do nothing and say we are going to keep our prices they way they are, the fees are going to stay the same, we are not jumping on this band wagon, if we do that because of the way the Law is written and the decrease in the price for this cover page that we use, we are going to lose \$39,000 roughly a year if we do nothing. I use that as a buffer, so to speak. I guess that allows me to somewhat agree with this fee increase.”

There being no further comments, the hearing was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.