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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking - Notary Program [8 CCR 1505-11]
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Hi!

I agree with the intent of the proposed changes to the notary rules, requiring notice of fees charged in addition to notary fees.

However, I would like to know how the Secretary of State would respond to future complaints if this ruling were to take effect?

For notaries who provide services to a large number of people, the administrative burden could be substantial.

What about notaries who don't charge for that service specifically, but where (other) fees are charged to a person signing docs, such as a title company closing fee?

Is this rule supposed to provide an avalanche of proposed documents in order to prevent a later defense by a notary?

As a one-off, it is likely no big deal. But for people who do this as a substantive part of a normal work day, what kind of filing system would the Secretary of State want to see?

Would it be the burden of the Notary Public to provide a copy of an invoice? That's what it sounds like. Guilty until proven innocent.

While I certainly admire the intent, I don't think the Secretary of State's office has thought about the real-world consequences

Since I can't envision what I would do to be able to comply, I am wondering if this ruling should include at least one best practice if the proposed ruling is to go into effect - enough that both the Secretary of State and its notaries will actually know what compliance looks like.

Thank you for continuing to protect our citizens and our businesses. I know many notaries don't follow the rules. I am just not sure this is the appropriate response.

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Good afternoon,

Today, the Department of State issued a notice of proposed rulemaking to consider permanent adoption of amendments to its Notary Program Rules. Please see the link below to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The notice includes details concerning the subject matter of the rulemaking, the public rulemaking hearing, a statement of basis, and preliminary draft of proposed rules.

The public rulemaking hearing is scheduled for December 19, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the Red Rocks Conference Room on the 5th floor of the Department of State's office at 1700 Broadway, Denver, CO 80920. This hearing will be conducted in person and via webinar.

Register to attend online for the hybrid rulemaking hearing at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8385757916939918936>. You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The Department values your feedback in our rulemaking process, and we would very much like to hear your thoughts on the proposed amendments to the Notary Program Rules. Please review and consider the proposed draft rules.

[Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#)

You may submit written comments to SoS.Rulemaking@coloradosos.gov regarding the proposed draft rules at any time prior to and during the hearing. We will make every effort to redact apparent personal identifiable information, non-governmental email addresses, and cellular telephone numbers from submissions before posting the information online, unless otherwise directed by the contributor. All written comments will be added to the official rulemaking record.

For links to current rules and additional information concerning rules and notices of rulemaking, please see the Department of State's website: https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/rule_making/hearings/2023/NotaryRulesHearing20231219.html.

Please email SoS.Rulemaking@coloradosos.gov if you have questions or would like to submit written comments.

Thank you.



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