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PLATTING LETTER #54 – 2005

TO: WISCONSIN REGISTERED LAND SURVEYORS
REGISTER OF DEEDS AND COUNTY PLANNING AGENTS

SUBJECT: REVISIONS TO CH. 236, WIS. STATS.

2005 Wisconsin Act 9 signed by Governor Doyle on May 2, 2005 and published May 16, 2005, made revisions to Ch. 236, Wis. Stats. These revisions take effect on May 17, 2005.

Please refer to the attached:

1. Summary and explanation of the revisions to Ch. 236, Wis. Stats.; and
2. Reproduced 2005 Wisconsin Act 9 containing the revised statutory language for Ch. 236, Wis. Stats.

If you have questions regarding the statutory changes and their impact on plat and certified survey map requirements, please contact us at (608) 266-3200 or plat.review@doa.state.wi.us

Sincerely,

Renee M. Powers, Supervisor
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**** PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF ****

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 236 WIS. STATS.

From 2005 Wisconsin Act 9 which takes effect 5/17/05.

This summary is NOT the statute. It is a guide to the statute.

Please refer to the 2006 Wisconsin Act 9 until the updated statutes are available.

These statutory revisions make technical changes to the media requirements for recording *subdivision plats, condominium plats* and *certified survey maps*. *Assessor's plats* are also affected because of the cross-cite to ch. 236, Wis. Stats.

[s. 236.25 (2) (a)]
[s. 236.34 (1) (c)] and
[703.11 (2) (d)] **Expands allowable recording media beyond muslin-backed white paper or a photographic silver haloid image on double matt polyester film**

Options for producing the recordable documents:

1. Plat Review can produce the recordable document for state reviewed subdivision plats. (*Suggested option for state plats*).
2. Surveyor produces recordable document.** (*see notes below*).

Recordable documents will be accepted by Register of Deeds if they are:

- Produced on a **“durable white media”**
Examples: --CSM paper/Min. 24 lb paper with 25% ragstock, acid free
--“White & opaque” 4 mil. polyester film (formerly known as ‘copy-tuff’)
--Muslin-backed white paper
- Produced with a **“permanent, non-fading black image”**
Examples: --Toner transfer fusing technology which *“heats and presses”* toner onto media (e.g. select Océ and Xerox/Synergix printers)
Permanent ink (pigment ink) for ink jet printers (e.g. select Epson and HP printers) using CSM paper
Photographic silver haloid image (if available)
- Produced in compliance with **s. 59.43 (2m) (b) 4., Wis. Stats.**
Documents are clear and letters, numbers, symbols etc. are large enough to be reproduced or read by a copier, microfilm camera or optical scanner and that the image captured is legible.
- All subdivision plats reviewed by the state must **bear the department’s stamp certifying no objection.**

****Notes:**

1. The WI Society of Land Surveyors (WSLS) will be preparing a list of vendors that can produce the recordable documents.
2. Please keep track of which vendor, media and image process you use when producing the recordable documents so the information can be shared with other surveyors and Register of Deeds.
3. “Recording Guidelines” will be posted on the Plat Review, WSLS, and Register of Deeds websites and updated as new, acceptable, copy technologies become available.

2005 Senate Bill 27

Date of enactment: **May 2, 2005**
Date of publication*: **May 16, 2005**

2005 WISCONSIN ACT 9

AN ACT *to amend* 236.25 (2) (a), 236.34 (1) (c) and 703.11 (2) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** the media used for recording real estate instruments.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 236.25 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

236.25 (2) (a) It is ~~on muslin-backed white paper 22 inches wide by 30 inches long and bears a department certification of no objection or it is reproduced with photographic silver haloid image on double matt polyester film of not less than 4 mil thickness, a permanent nonfading black image on durable white media that is 22 inches wide by 30 inches long, complies with the requirements of s. 59.43 (2m) (b) 4., and bears a department certification of no objection.~~ Seals or signatures reproduced on images complying with this paragraph shall be given the force and effect of original signatures and seals;

SECTION 2. 236.34 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

236.34 (1) (c) The map shall be prepared in accordance with s. 236.20 (2) (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (L) and (3) (b), (d), and (e) at a graphic scale of not more than 500 feet to an inch, which shall be shown on each sheet showing layout features. The map shall be prepared with a binding margin 1.5 inches wide and a 0.5 inch margin on all other sides on durable white paper 8 1/2 inches wide by 14 inches long with nonfading black

~~image or reproduced with photographic silver haloid image on double matt polyester film of not less than 4 mil thickness which media that is 8 1/2 inches wide by 14 inches long with a permanent nonfading black image. When more than one sheet is used for any map, each sheet shall be numbered consecutively and shall contain a notation giving the total number of sheets in the map and showing the relationship of that sheet to the other sheets. "CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP" shall be printed on the map in prominent letters with the location of the land by government lot, recorded private claim, quarter-quarter section, section, township, range and county noted. Seals or signatures reproduced on images complying with this paragraph shall be given the force and effect of original signatures and seals.~~

SECTION 3. 703.11 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

703.11 (2) (d) All survey maps and floor plans submitted for filing shall be legibly prepared with a binding margin of 1.5 inches on the left side and a one-inch margin on all other sides on durable white paper 14 inches in length and 22 inches in width with nonfading black image or reproduced with photographic silver haloid image on double matt polyester film of not less than 4 millimeter thickness and media that is 14 inches long by

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2003-04 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

22 inches wide with a permanent nonfading black image.
The maps and plans shall be drawn to a convenient scale.
