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# Cost Of Copies High In Pasco

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NEW PORT RICHEY — The cost of getting your own copy of documents before the Pasco County Commission has skyrocketed to $1 a page these days.

Pasco Circuit Clerk Miller Newton said the new rules adopted by the County Commission make proposed ordinances and other documents "official County Documents," putting them under a state statute that requires him to charge $1 a page for uncertified copies.

Reporters and others accustomed to paying 10 cents and 25 cents a page will now have to pay the higher costs.

Newton said he feels it's too expensive, but is caught in the state law. He said costs for reproducing the documents run about 10 to 25 cents per page.

The copying fee also applies to other documents on file in the clerk's office.

Newton can take any other document presented and copy it for the smaller fees.

Newton said the new County Commission rules that force the charges for copies of county ordinances were prepared by County Atty. Peter Dunbar.

Dunbar said he believes the $1 per page fee is "an unreasonable amount," and goes beyond the general ideal of compensation for the cost of supplying the copies.

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