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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**CONCERNING EASEMENT, OR RIGHT-OF-WAY, DOCUMENTS**

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In accordance with a recent Ohio Attorney General Opinion interpreting the statutory provisions of Sections 317.22, 319.202, and 319.54 of the Ohio Revised Code, an instrument creating or conveying an easement, or right-of-way, of any kind must first be stamped or indorsed by the County Auditor before that instrument can be submitted to the Court Recorder for official recording. The County Recorder's Office is not legally authorized to accept any easement, or right-of-way, documents which do not have the required stamp or indorsement of the County Auditor thereon.

Perpetual road or highway easement documents will continue to be treated as they have always been treated—being submitted first to the County Engineer's Tax Map Office, then to the County Auditor's Office, and finally to the County Recorder's for official recording.

Effective September 1, 2020, however, any other new easement, or right-of-way, instruments must first be submitted to the Medina County Auditor's Office for its stamp or indorsement, prior to being recorded with Medina County Recorder Office. Easement, or right-of-way, documents submitted electronically for e-recording will be routed to the County Auditor for review, prior to being recorded by the County Recorder.

Unfortunately, easement, or right-of-way, documents will no longer be able to be submitted by regular U.S. Mail. Instead, such hardcopy documents must be walked through to the County Auditor's Office for stamping or indorsement, before being submitted to the County Recorder's Office for official recording.

Under Ohio law, any non-complying easement, or right-of-way, documents must be rejected for recording by the Recorder's Office. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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