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**Subject: Pine County PLSS Corner Monumentation Reimbursement Program Policy**

The importance of maintaining and restoring the monuments, which comprise our Public Land Survey System (PLSS), is well known. Pine County has established a payment system to encourage PLSS corner perpetuation. This program, funded through Pine County, will provide financial assistance to private MN licensed surveyors for PLSS corner position perpetuation that occurs during the course of a land survey.

The primary focus of this program is to obtain good quality corner certificates for PLSS corners that do not presently have a "Certificate of Location of Government Corner" on file at the office of the Pine County Surveyor.

The program will be administered as follows:

- A. The program will be managed on a first come first served basis, subject to available funding. All PLSS corner perpetuations shall at a minimum satisfy the requirements of MN State Statutes 160.15, sub. 5 and 381.12, sub 3 and Pine County content of PLSS certificate policy.
- B. Materials for monumentation, application forms and a list of the required content of "Certificate of Location of Government Corner" can be obtained at Pine County Public Works Highway Department.
- C. Corners funded by this program shall include those corners of the original PLSS (Section Corners, Quarter Corners, Closing Corners, Standard Corners, Meander Corners and Mile Posts along the MN/WI border) in Pine County.
- D. The Pine County Surveyor's Office reserves the right to deny applications or payment for PLSS corner perpetuation for reasons enumerated, but not restricted to the following:
  1. Existing application or "Certificate of Location of Government Corner" is already on file for the subject corner.
  2. The application is being made by an agency or concern that conducts their own monumentation program.
  3. The application pertains to a PLSS corner required for a survey contracted by an agency or concern that conducts their own monumentation program.
  4. The application does not directly relate to a current land survey.

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5. The application pertains to a land survey requiring the Pine County Surveyor's approval and signature. For such land surveys "Certificate of Location of Government Corner" are required but will not be reimbursed.
  6. The application pertains to the platting of lands. MN State Statutes 381.12, sub. 1, which requires the filing of PLSS corner certificates with a plat. For such platting requirements "Certificate of Location of Government Corner" are required but will not be reimbursed.
- E. The reimbursement fee will be \$100.00 per completed and approved "Certificate of Location of Government Corner" which updates existing corner certificates and does not provide Pine County HARN coordinate data. The reimbursement fee will be \$200.00 per completed and approved "Certificate of Location of Government Corner" which updates existing corner certificates and does provide Pine County HARN coordinate data arrived at with the use of survey grade GPS equipment that states all survey control, coordinate and datum information necessary to replace the monument at the location and coordinate shown on the certificate. The reimbursement fee will be \$150.00 per completed and approved "Certificate of Location of Government Corner" for corners that have no present corner certificate on file with Pine County and does not provide Pine County HARN coordinate data. The reimbursement fee will be \$300.00 per completed and approved "Certificate of Location of Government Corner" for corners which have no present corner certificate on file with Pine County and does provide Pine County HARN coordinate data arrived at with the use of survey grade GPS equipment that states all survey control, coordinate and datum information necessary to replace the monument at the location and coordinate shown on the certificate. Survey control, coordinate, datum, basis of bearing and units of length information must be clearly specified and will be subject to the Pine County Surveyor's review and approval.

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