

*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 24, 2001

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER <sup>S</sup>

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 27 CLERK FEES (COUNCILMAN EUILLE'S REQUEST)

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This memorandum is in response to Councilman Euille's request for information on the amount of Clerks' Fees collected and the City supplement for the Clerk of Courts.

The \$186,000 in Clerks' Fees collected (page 6-16 of the FY 2002 proposed budget) represents the "payment of excess" as defined in the Code of Virginia Title 17.1-285. All the fees that the Clerk of Courts collects are set by the General Assembly and required to be remitted to the State Compensation Board. At the end of the fiscal year (June 30) the Compensation Board determines the amount of excess fees collected (i.e., fees collected in excess of the Clerk's state-funded costs for the year) and remits to the City two-thirds of excess fees collected. The Commonwealth receives the other one-third of excess fees collected. In FY 2000, the Clerk of Courts collected \$1,231,167 in fees, and the City received \$216,325 of the excess fees.

In addition to the General Fund revenues reflected on page 6-16 of the FY 2002 proposed budget, the Clerk of Courts also collects Real Estate Recordation taxes, which are assessed at a total rate of \$0.15 per \$100 of value for all transactions. The City is remitted \$0.05 per \$100 of value, and staff estimates Recordation taxes at \$1.4 million in General Fund revenue for FY 2002.

cc: Mark Jinks, Assistant City Manager  
Ed Semonian, Clerk of Courts  
Angela Smith, Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget