



DUKES COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS

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To the Citizens of Dukes County,

Due to several large sales, Deeds Excise in FY' 18 was strong, totaling overall about 1% higher than the previous fiscal year. However, there was an overall 7% decrease in recording revenue to the County as compared to the previous fiscal year due to the decrease in the number of documents recorded. In the following pages please find visual representations of Registry data including a four year comparison of revenues, deeds recorded, total documents recorded, and deeds excise, as well as a breakdown of the deeds excise between the Registry, the Commonwealth and the County.

In August we launched our new website (dukescountydeeds.org), which serves as a highly functional resource for citizens of the County and of the Commonwealth. The new site conveys a high level of professionalism that properly and effectively represents our office. Since its' launch, the website averages over 1,800 visits a month.

In an effort to reduce the risk of real estate fraud, in September, the Dukes County Registry of Deeds in conjunction with the Secretary of State, launched a free Consumer Notification Service (CNS); this service offers people the opportunity to submit their names or business names to be monitored for potential fraudulent activity. Once a name is submitted, whenever a document containing that name is recorded the person or business will receive notification from the Registry of Deeds. To subscribe or login, please visit <https://cns.masslandrecords.com>.

The Registry has been working to make the Grantor / Grantee Index Books available online since late 2016, and after a significant amount of work, both in house and with Conduent and Kofile Technologies, we now have our Grantor /Grantee Index Books from 1641 to 1969 available online on masslandrecords.com. This has been a huge asset for those looking to start their research from their home or office.

FY' 18 marks our fourth year of accepting documents submitted electronically. Electronic recording continues to be an integral part of the Registry services, accounting for over 15% of all documents recorded this fiscal year. This innovative means of recording has had a positive impact on the productivity and efficiency of the office.

The online availability of Dukes County records continues to be a widely-used service provided by the Registry. The research website address is www.masslandrecords.com and is free to the public. At this time documents are available online back to 1976 for Registered Land and mid 1977 for Recorded Land. All Plan Books and Town Case Files are also now available online, as is a large inventory of miscellaneous documents.

The Registry of Deeds is located on the first floor of the Courthouse in Edgartown. The hours of operation are 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Friday. We can be reached during those hours at 508-627-4025. The fax number is 508-627-7821 and the email address is registry@dukescounty.org.

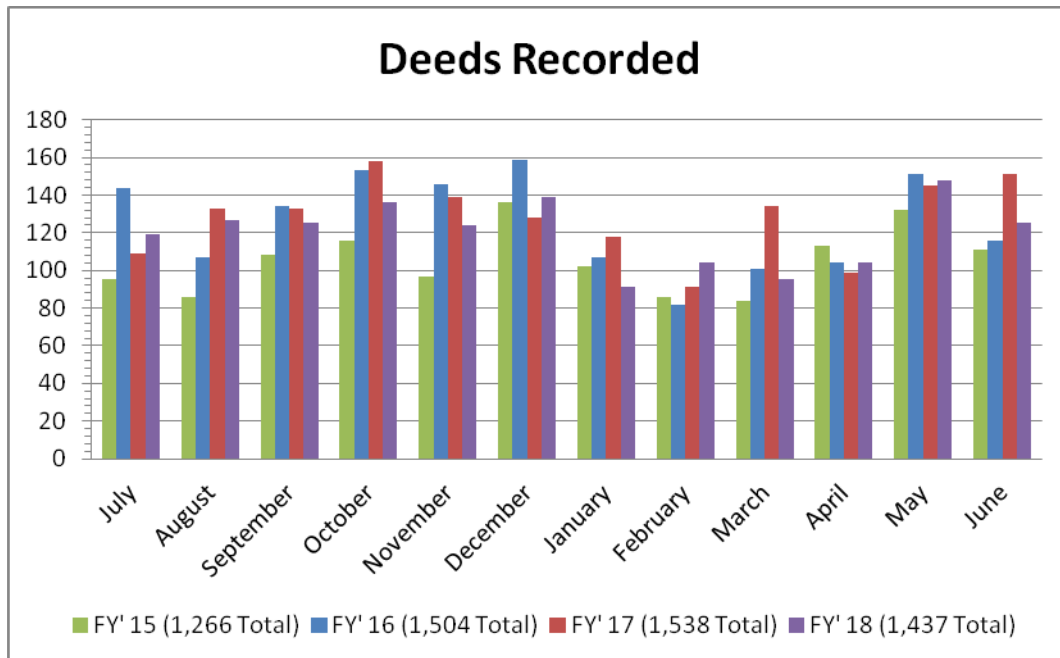
Respectfully submitted,

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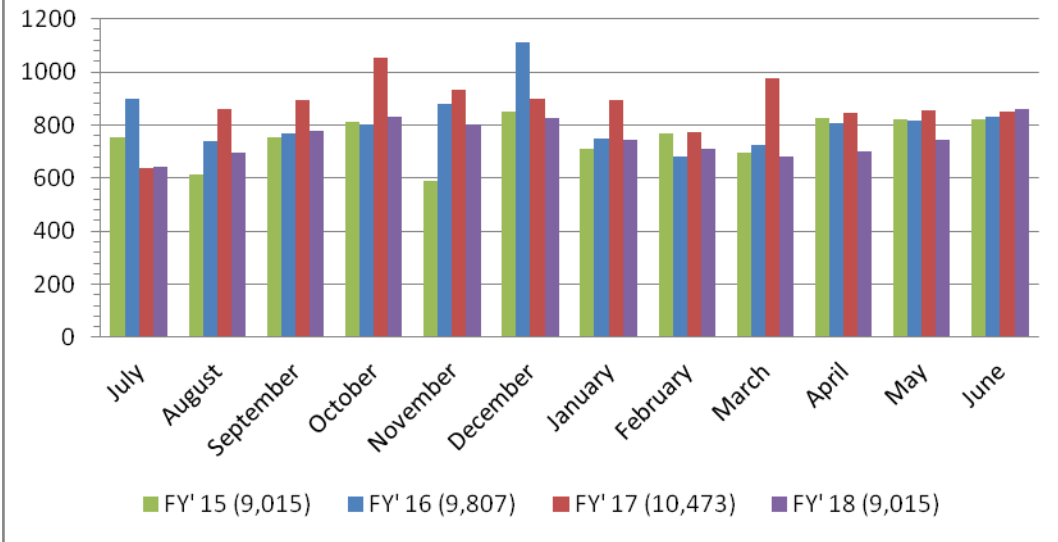
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Revenue Report

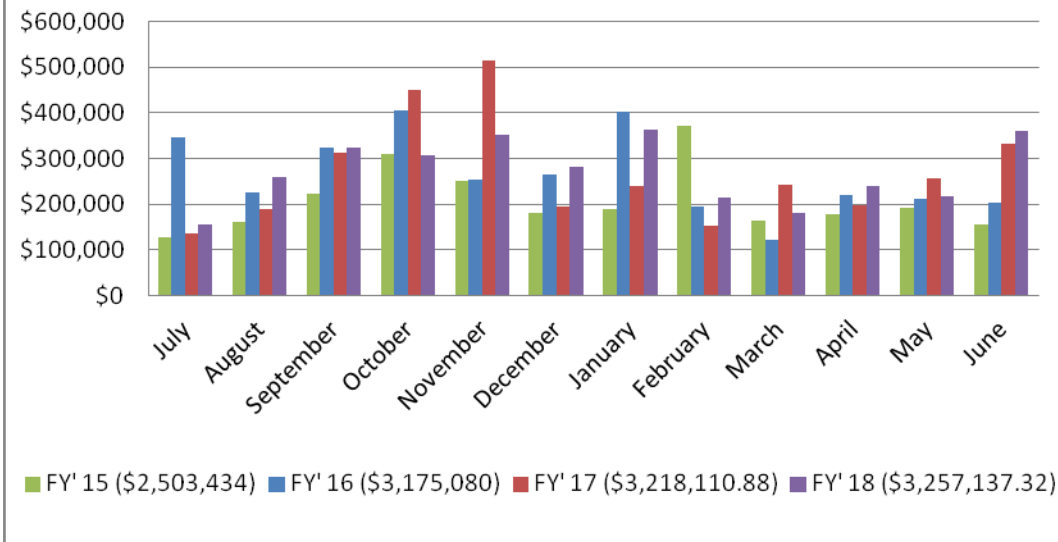
	FY' 15	FY' 16	FY' 17	FY' 18
Copies & Postage	\$27,782	\$26,217	\$27,187	\$21,192
Plans	\$1,475	\$1,325	\$1,625	\$1,150
Recorded Land Recording	\$117,197	\$126,948	\$139,819	\$118,418
Land Court Recording	\$51,739	\$50,234	\$49,663	\$47,070
Excise to County	\$159,594	\$202,411	\$205,154	\$207,643
Registry Interest	\$5	\$6	\$6	\$5
Excise Interest	\$15	\$21	\$21	\$18
Total	\$357,807	\$407,162	\$423,475	\$395,495



Total Documents Recorded



Total Excise



FY' 18 Excise Breakdown

