

# Cook County Clerk's Office



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## A Message from the Clerk...

I am very pleased to share information about the operations of the Clerk's Office and the essential services that we provide for the residents of Cook County.

Our office has many wide-ranging responsibilities which include serving as the Chief Election Authority for suburban Cook County, administering all Cook County vital records, and recording, storing, and maintaining land records and other official documents.

We also have a dedicated Property Fraud Unit that helps homeowners investigate fraudulent filings against their property, and we offer information and alerts to help property owners check anything that has been recorded against a property's chain of title.

The Clerk's Office also has a variety of property tax responsibilities including assisting property owners in redeeming delinquent taxes and calculating tax rates based on levies from taxing districts.

We also have the privilege of operating a Veteran's Service Office that offers free services, including a special Veterans Discount Card as well as the opportunity to officially record and preserve a veteran's military certificate of release from active duty.

In this brochure you will find detailed information and helpful links to access all the services that the Cook County Clerk provides. We look forward to serving you!



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Karen A. Yarbrough'.

Karen A. Yarbrough  
Cook County Clerk



# ELECTIONS



## **Voter Registration, Mail Voting, Early Voting Stand Up and Be Counted Because Your Vote Matters!**

The Clerk is the chief election authority for more than 125 municipalities in suburban Cook County and offers comprehensive services for voters to cast their ballots and participate in the voting process.

- ▶ **Register to vote in person, by mail, or online**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/RTV](http://cookcountyclerk.com/RTV)
- ▶ **Vote early, vote by mail, or vote in person on Election Day**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/WaysToVote](http://cookcountyclerk.com/WaysToVote)
- ▶ **Check your personal voter information**  
[cookcountyclerkil.gov/VoterInfo](http://cookcountyclerkil.gov/VoterInfo)
- ▶ **Become an Election Judge! Get paid and serve your civic duty** [cookcountyclerk.com/Work](http://cookcountyclerk.com/Work)
- ▶ **Get results, data, and information on candidates and elected officials** [cookcountyclerk.com/Data](http://cookcountyclerk.com/Data)

### **Promoting Language Access to the Ballot!**

Ballot access is now available in 12 languages in Cook County!

English - Español - 中國人 - हरी - Tagalog - 한국인  
Polskie - русский - украинец - ગુજરાતી - يبرع - اورا

# REAL ESTATE & TAX SERVICES



## We have the information you need for Delinquent Taxes, Tax Maps, and TIF Districts

The Clerk's Office has a variety of property tax responsibilities, including handling Cook County's tax redemption process. The Clerk also maintains property tax maps and calculates tax rates based on levies submitted by taxing districts, and also reports on Cook County Tax Increment Financing Districts.



► **Learn How to Pay Delinquent Taxes**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/TaxRedemption](http://cookcountyclerk.com/TaxRedemption)

► **Research Unpaid Taxes**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/DelinquentTaxSearch](http://cookcountyclerk.com/DelinquentTaxSearch)

► **View Tax Maps**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/TaxMaps](http://cookcountyclerk.com/TaxMaps)

► **View Tax Agency Reports**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/TaxAgencyReports](http://cookcountyclerk.com/TaxAgencyReports)

**See where your property tax dollars  
are going and check if your  
home resides in a TIF district**

Visit our TIF viewer at [cookcountyclerk.com/TIFS](http://cookcountyclerk.com/TIFS)

# RECORDINGS



## Your trusted source for the Recording, Archiving, and Retrieval of public documents

The Clerk's Recording Operations Division records, stores and maintains land records and other official documents including deeds, transfer on death instruments and taxation and real estate documents. The division also operates a Property Fraud Unit to investigate property and recording fraud and to provide homeowners with free alerts to protect their property.

- ▶ **Search for property records by address or property index number**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/SearchRecordings](http://cookcountyclerk.com/SearchRecordings)
- ▶ **Check your deed and chain of title**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/CheckYourDeed](http://cookcountyclerk.com/CheckYourDeed)
- ▶ **Mail or eRecord your deed**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/eRecord](http://cookcountyclerk.com/eRecord)



### Free Property Fraud Alert

Receive phone or email alerts for any recording affecting your property. Early warning helps you prevent further fraud.

Easy and free online signup.

[cookcountyclerk.com/FraudAlert](http://cookcountyclerk.com/FraudAlert)

# VITAL RECORDS



## From Birth, to Marriage, to Death, We Have You Covered Cook County!

The Clerk's Office is the official record keeper for vital records including births, marriages, civil unions, and deaths that occur in Chicago and suburban Cook County. The Vital Records division also registers assumed business names and certifies newly commissioned notaries public.

► **Request a Birth or Death Certificate**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/BirthDeathRecords](http://cookcountyclerk.com/BirthDeathRecords)

► **Apply for a Marriage License**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/Marriage](http://cookcountyclerk.com/Marriage)

► **Virtual Marriage License**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/eMarriage](http://cookcountyclerk.com/eMarriage)

► **Register or amend an Assumed Business Name**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/Business](http://cookcountyclerk.com/Business)

► **Notary Commissions**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/Notary](http://cookcountyclerk.com/Notary)

► **Authentic Notaries / Apostilles**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/Apostilles](http://cookcountyclerk.com/Apostilles)



**Skip the line! Get your Vital Records Online!**

[cookcountyclerk.com/Vitals](http://cookcountyclerk.com/Vitals)

# VETERANS AFFAIRS AND OUTREACH



## Veteran's Service Office



The Clerk's Veteran's Service Office operates in partnership with the Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs to offer free services for veterans and members of the military. This includes free official recording and preservation of a veteran's military certificate of release from active duty, as well as a Veterans Discount Card offering discounts and benefits at businesses throughout Cook County.

- ▶ **Free recording of DD-214 Military Discharge Papers**
- ▶ **Military & Veterans Discount Card**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/Veterans](http://cookcountyclerk.com/Veterans)

## Community Outreach

The Clerk's Community Outreach Unit connects the office with community and neighborhood groups and offers virtual and in-person presentations on the departments and programs offered by the Clerk. This includes the Property After Death program which explains the basics of Estate Planning, as well as Property Fraud prevention.

**To schedule a presentation or obtain more information go to:**  
[cookcountyclerk.com/Outreach](http://cookcountyclerk.com/Outreach)

## OFFICE LOCATIONS

**WE ARE HERE  
TO HELP!**  
Visit us in person  
at these locations  
or  
**SKIP THE LINE**  
and get your Clerk's  
Office services at  
[cookcountyclerk.com](http://cookcountyclerk.com)

**C** ROLLING  
MEADOWS

**B** SKOKIE

**D** MAYWOOD

**A** CHICAGO

**COOK  
COUNTY**

**E** BRIDGEVIEW

**F** MARKHAM

**A** **CHICAGO**  
118 N. Clark St.  
Room 120  
9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
312.603.5656

**D** **MAYWOOD**  
1311 Maybrook Sq.  
Room 104  
708.865.6010

**B** **SKOKIE**  
5600 W. Old Orchard Rd.  
Room 149  
847.470.7233

**E** **BRIDGEVIEW**  
10220 S. 76th Ave.  
Room 238  
708.974.6150

**C** **ROLLING  
MEADOWS**  
2121 Euclid Ave.  
Room 238  
847.818.2850

**F** **MARKHAM**  
16501 S. Kedzie Ave.  
Room 238  
708.232.4150

