

SPECIAL INFORMATION REGARDING COURT HOURS AND POLICIES FOR REAL ESTATE PURPOSES

Attention, SVAR membership! In light of new COVID-19 crisis policies affecting how Virginia locales and businesses operate, SVAR Legislative Affairs Chairman Mary Ann White, President Larry Lewis and CEO Joe Croce have gathered data regarding title examinations, recordings, etc., from the six localities where most of our association's members transact business. You will find information/links about Greensville, Sussex and Surry counties and the city of Emporia below that.

COLONIAL HEIGHTS: There are no special hours for recording and title examinations, just no more than 10 people at a time allowed. Recordings stop at 3:30 p.m.

PETERSBURG: Open to the public 8:30 to 11 a.m. Only three title exams or recordings in the office at one time. For recording information, call 804-733-2367, ext. 3221, and ask for Mrs. White.

DINWIDDIE: Open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with recordings/title searches done during this time. eRecordings are done all day; however, the closing attorney/title company must use the following vendors: Simple file/CSC. For any questions, please email the following people as they are working alternative weeks: chappell@vacourts.gov or pgoldsmith@vacourts.gov. Call 804-469-4540

PRINCE GEORGE: Open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. However, only two people are allowed at a time to do recordings/title exams. They are asking that you limit your title exam to 15 minutes and, if no one is waiting, they will extend your time. Call 804-733-2640.

HOPEWELL: Open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with only two people allowed in the office at the same time, whether for recordings or title exams. They request that you respect people, and if you find you are having a problem with a title search or recording and someone is waiting, please step out and allow them to come forth and then return. Recordings stop at 3:30 p.m.

CHESTERFIELD: Open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. eRecording is strongly encouraged. For more info about registration, visit the www.chesterfield.gov/1284/E-Recording-of-Land-Records. If not eRecording and for matters that are not time sensitive, submission by mail is strongly encouraged. A drop box is available at the Courts Building between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays; documents cannot be faxed or emailed. In-person access will be limited and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Delays should be expected.

Additionally, **the city of Emporia** has closed its offices to the public and has posted this information: www.ci.emporia.va.us/sites/emporiava/files/uploads/the_city_of_emporia_covid-19-pr_3-24-2020.pdf

Also, **Greensville County** has closed its offices to the public and has posted this information: www.greensvillecountyva.gov/index.php/public-information/press-releases/covid-19-cornoavirus-update

Also, **Sussex County** has closed its offices to the public and has posted this information: www.sussexcountyva.gov/news/article/march/17/2020/sussex-county-announces-local-coronavirus-emergency-_all-county-offices-are-closed-to-the-public-effective-immediately

Also, **Surry County** has closed its offices to employees and the public and has posted this information: www.surrycountyva.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=137

If anyone has additional information regarding the counties of Sussex, Surry and Greenville and the city of Emporia, please email it to Joe Croce at jcroce@svarealtors.com.
