

NOTICE

Clerk's Budget Cuts Impact Service

On March 16th, the Collier County Clerk of Courts' budget was reduced by 19% in response to the Florida's revenue shortfall.

In addition, further reductions were voted by the FL Legislature and signed by the Governor in the last legislative session. These additional cuts were proposed and supported by members of the FL Judiciary and FL Bar Association.

In response, all Clerk employees have had their pay reduced by 3%, overtime pay has been eliminated, and all are required to take one unpaid "furlough" day per month. Additional reductions may be unavoidable.

The high level of service that the Clerk's staff provided to the public for many years is now a thing of the past. The Clerk's office will be required to adjust service levels in line with limited financial resources.

It will take longer to process cases. There will be lines at the counters. Computer updates will be done as soon as humanly possible.

Please note: If filing a case, or document, that will be needed by the court within 14 days, please let the clerk at the counter know either verbally, or in writing, so that we can accommodate you.

The reality we face is that despite our staff's dedication and hard work, it is not possible to provide the same level of service to the public with a significantly smaller budget and staff.

Respectfully,

Dwight E. Brock, Clerk
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