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**OFFICE OF
APPELLATE COURTS**

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

ADM09-8010

**ORDER AMENDING FEE POLICY FOR
COPIES OF APPELLATE RECORDS**

By order filed August 27, 2015, we established a fee policy that governs requests for copies of documents filed with the appellate courts. We recognized in that order that Minnesota Statutes § 357.021 (2014), did not directly address the fees for copies of appellate court records, whether obtained from district court or appellate court staff, but concluded that consistency in the fees imposed to obtain a copy of either district court or appellate court records will enhance public access and provide administrative efficiency for court staff. *See* Minn. Stat. § 357.021, subd. 2(14) (allowing the court to impose a fee that “compares favorably” with other fees or that is “fixed by... order of the court”); *see also* Minn. Stat. § 2.724, subd. 4 (2022) (authorizing the chief justice to exercise supervisory authority over the administrative operations of the courts.). Effective August 27, 2015, the fee was set at \$10 per document.

Effective July 1, 2018, the fee charged by statute for uncertified copies of district court documents was reduced to \$8 per document. Accordingly, by order filed June 26, 2018, the fee policy was amended effective July 1, 2018, to set the fee for appellate court records obtained from terminals located in Minnesota’s county courthouses or the State Law Library at the same fee charged for district court records.

Effective July 1, 2023, Minn. Stat. § 357.021, subd. 2(2), no longer includes an uncertified copy fee for district court records.

Based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Effective July 1, 2023, no fee shall be charged and collected by district court administrators for copies of appellate court records obtained from terminals located in Minnesota's county courthouses or the State Law Library.

2. To the extent applicable, the procedures of the State Court Administrator's Copy Fee Policy shall apply to requests for copies of appellate court records accessed on terminals located in Minnesota's county courthouses, the State Law Library, or ordered from the Office of the Clerk of Appellate Courts.

Dated: June 28, 2023

BY THE COURT:



Lorie S. Gildea
Chief Justice