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MEMO

To: All Departments

From: Laura M. Rudy
Treasurer

Currently the service charge penalty established by the Stafford County Treasurer for a return check or an automatic debit is \$25.00. Stafford County Code authorizes the Treasurer to establish the service charge amount, as allowed by law. Therefore, effective February 1, 2014, the Stafford County Treasurer will increase the service charge penalty to **\$35.00**.

Stafford County Code Sec. 2-2 states:

If any check or other means of payment tendered to a public body of the county in the course of its duties is not paid by the financial institution on which it is drawn, because of insufficient funds in the account of the drawer, no account in the name of the drawer, or the account of the drawer is closed, and the check or other means of payment is returned to the public body unpaid, the amount thereof shall be charged to the person on whose account it was received, and his liability and that of his sureties, shall be as if he had never offered any such payment. A penalty in an amount to be established by the Stafford County Treasurer shall be added to such amount. This penalty shall be in addition to any other penalty or administrative costs allowed by law.

The Stafford County Treasurer will not redeposit the returned item nor will a personal check be accepted. Payment must be made by cash, cashier's check or money order.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me on 540-658-8704.