

County Clerk and Recorder—Fee for Filing Certificate of Stock Slaughtered.

A fee of 50 cents should be charged by the County Clerk and Recorder for filing an affidavit of cattle slaughtered.

E. A. Phillips, Esq.,
Secretary Montana Livestock Commission,
Helena, Montana.

My dear Mr. Phillips:

You have requested information relative to the fee to be charged by County Clerks for filing certificates of stock slaughtered under Chapter 171, Laws of 1921.

This chapter repeals and replaces Chapter 206, Laws of 1919, which in turn repealed and replaced Sections 1794, 1795, 8859 and 8862, Revised Codes of 1907.

None of these Acts makes any mention of the fee to be charged for filing this certificate. Hence, we must look to Section 3168, Revised Codes of 1907, which prescribes the fees to be collected by the County Clerk. In that section we find the following:

“For filing and indexing each affidavit of butcher, of brands of cattle slaughtered, fifty cents.”

This, in my opinion, fixes the fee to be paid under Chapter 171, Laws of 1921.

Very truly yours,

WELLINGTON D. RANKIN,

Attorney General.