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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 that Minnesota Statutes § 357.021 (2016), does 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 (2016) (authorizing the chief justice to exercise supervisory authority over the administrative operations of the courts). Effective July 1, 2018, the district courts will reduce the fee for copies of district court records to \$8 per document, which requires that we amend the fee for copies of appellate court records.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Effective July 1, 2018, the fee to 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 shall be the same fee that is charged for copies of district court records. Fees collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be transmitted to the commissioner of management and budget, as directed in Minn. Stat. § 357.021, subd. 1a.

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 the Appellate Courts.

Dated: June 26, 2018

BY THE COURT:



Lorie S. Gildea
Chief Justice