COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRISTOPHER L. JACOBS
COUNTY CLERK

November 15, 2013

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Replenishment of E-Z Pass Tags

Dear Honorable Members:

In 2012 your Honorable Body approved a resolution authorizing the Erie County Clerk's Office to act as a retail sales agent for the NYS Thruway Authority for the sale of E-Z Pass Tags (Comm. 12E-17-2012). The Clerk's Office began selling the tags in October 2012. We are pleased to report that the demand for these tags is much greater than anticipated and the attached resolution seeks approval to adjust the 2013 budget to allow for the purchase and sale of additional tags.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, representatives from the Clerk's Office will be available to discuss. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER L. JACOBS
Erie County Clerk

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Christopher L. Jacobs, Erie County Clerk
Re: Erie County Clerk – Replenishment of E-Z Pass Tags
Date: **November 15, 2013**

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Erie County Legislature authorize a budgetary amendment to the Clerk's 2013 Budget to allow for the purchase and sale of additional E-Z Pass Tags.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Positive – Expense to purchase the tags is completely offset by the sale of the tags, which results in additional revenue to the County's general fund.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Sale of the E-Z Pass Tags by the County Clerk's Office has been met with positive results.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2012, the Legislature approved a resolution authorizing the Erie County Clerk's Office to act as a retail sales agent for the NYS Thruway Authority for the sale of E-Z Pass Tags (Comm. 12E-17/2012) and we began selling EZ Pass tags in October 2012. At the time the 2013 Budget was prepared, we had no data to accurately project sales. Sale of these tags has exceeded projections; at the end of November we have sold over 600 tags. Our projections indicate that an allocation to purchase an additional 200 tags is needed for calendar year 2013. A budgetary adjustment is needed to allow for the purchase and sale of these additional 200 tags.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

We will run out of tags to sell and the County will lose much needed revenue.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Budgetary adjustments will be made and the E-Z Pass Tags will be purchased from the NYS Thruway Authority for sale by the Clerk's Office.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COUNTY CLERK

RE: Erie County Clerk – Replenishment of E-Z Pass Tags

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature previously authorized the Erie County Clerk to act as a retail sales agent for the NYS Thruway Authority in the sale of E-Z Pass Tags (Comm. 12E-17/2012); and

WHEREAS, the sale of these tags has been met with great enthusiasm from the public that visit the County Clerk's Auto Bureau and Clerk's Registrar Office; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk purchases E-Z Pass Tags at a unit price of $21.00 and is authorized to sell them to the public at $25.00 per tag, with the County retaining $4.00 in revenue for every tag sold; and

WHEREAS, no additional resources are necessary to offer these tags for sale; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk's 2013 Budget needs to be adjusted to allow for the unanticipated increase in the sale of these tags.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the following budgetary adjustment in the 2013 Budget:

Erie County Clerk's Office, Fund 110
Fund Center 11310

	Increase
Revenue	
415185 E-Z Pass Tag Sales	$4,200
Expense	
507000 E-Z Pass Supplies	$4,200

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Clerk, the Director of Budget and Management and the County Comptroller.