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TO: All Government Lien Release Recording Customers

FROM: County of San Diego Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk

DATE: November 26, 2019

SUBJECT: Change in Recording Fee for Government Lien Releases – Senate Bill 780 Amending Government Code Section 27361.3 – \$20 Recording Fee in Effect January 1, 2020

The California Legislature passed, and on September 20, 2019 Governor Newsom signed, SB 780 Local Government Omnibus Act of 2019 amending Government Code § 27361.3. This amendment stipulates that effective January 1, 2020, lien releases executed by the State, municipality, county, city, district or other political subdivision shall be two times the fee charged to record the first page of a lien, encumbrance, or notice under subdivision (a) of Section 27361.

In San Diego, the base recording fee for the first page (excluding special fund fees) is \$10.00. Thus, effective January 1, 2020, the new recording fee for lien releases recorded by the State, municipality, county, city, district or other political subdivision will be **\$20.00**. This requirement is being made in accordance with the legislative amendment of Government Code §27361.3.

Liens and notices submitted in person or received by the mail for recordation through December 31, 2019 will be recorded under the current fee of \$12.00.

No fee shall be charged for recording a release of lien or notice which was recorded in error by the State, municipality, county, city, district or other political subdivision.

In addition to the change in the recording fee for government lien releases, attached is a notice of all fee changes in the County of San Diego Recorder/County Clerk fee schedule effective January 1, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact me at val.wood@sdcounty.ca.gov or (619) 557-4035.

Sincerely,

Val Wood
Chief Deputy Recorder/County Clerk



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FEE CHANGES

Effective January 1, 2020

On November 19, 2019, the County of San Diego's Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance relating to adjustments to fees for services provided by the Recorder/County Clerk. The Board action taken adjusts certain existing fees based on the department's current cost of providing services and places Recorder/County Clerk fees in the Administrative Code for ease of public reference.

Additionally, with the passing of Senate Bill 780, the fee for a Government Release will increase from \$12.00 to \$20.00 pursuant to Government Code section 27361.3.

The tables below reflect adjustments approved by the Board for increases to Recorder fees based on current cost drivers since the fees were established, as well as decreases based on the department's ability to deliver the specific service at a lower cost. In addition, pursuant to Government Code 27361.2, the current fee of \$1.00 for "Additional Indexing - Prior Recording Reference" will be charged by the department. New for 2020, a labor rates schedule will be implemented by the Recorder to account for cost recovery of services not specifically prescribed in the schedule of fees.

Fee Increases	Current Fee	New Fee ¹
Acknowledgment – Recorder	\$0.75	\$13.00
Additional Indexing – More Than Ten Names	\$1.00	\$5.00
Decorative Certificate Keepsake	\$5.00	\$5.20 + cost of materials
Filing – Recorder	\$4.00	\$8.00
Map Copy – First Page (Sizes Exceeding 11" x 17")	\$2.00	\$8.00
Map Filing – First Page	\$9.00	\$43.00
Map Filing – Each Additional Page	\$2.00	\$8.00
Notification of Involuntary Lien – First Notice	\$3.00	\$10.00
Notification of Involuntary Lien – Each Additional Notice	\$1.00	\$4.00

Fee Decreases	Current Fee	New Fee
Documentary Transfer Tax Refund Claim	\$50.00	\$33.00
Map Copy – Each Additional Page (Sizes Exceeding 11" x 17")	\$2.00	\$1.00
Record Search – Recorder (i.e. Financing Statement - Request for Information, UCC Search)	\$10.00	\$8.00

Miscellaneous Fees	Current Fee	New Fee
Additional Indexing – Prior Recording Reference	\$1.00	\$1.00
Time and Materials - Recorder	N/A	Varies

¹ New Fee: Effective January 1, 2020.

The tables below reflect adjustments approved by the Board for increases to County Clerk fees based on current cost drivers since the fees were established, as well as decreases based on the department's ability to deliver the specific service at a lower cost. Like the Recorder, the County Clerk has implemented a labor rates schedule to account for cost recovery of services not specifically prescribed in the schedule of fees.

Fee Increases	Current Fee	New Fee
Acknowledgment – County Clerk	\$2.25	\$13.00
Bond Filing	\$7.00	\$15.00
Certificate of Admitted Surety Insurer (Certificate of Authority)	\$3.00	\$7.00
Decorative Marriage Keepsake	\$1.00	\$3.60 + cost of materials
Duplicate Marriage License	\$10.00	\$34.00
Humane Officer Filing	\$5.00	\$10.00
Power of Attorney Filing	\$3.50	\$9.00
Professional Registration Identification Card	\$10.00	\$14.00
Record Search – County Clerk	\$5.00	\$8.00

Fee Decreases	Current Fee	New Fee
Document Copy or System Generated Report Up To and Including 11" x 17" – Each Additional Page – County Clerk	\$2.00	\$0.05
Foreign Language Translation Certificate	\$10.00	\$9.00
Professional Registration Identification Card Photo	\$10.00	\$5.00
Wedding Ring	\$10.00	\$4.90 + cost of ring

Miscellaneous Fee	Current Fee	New Fee
Time and Materials – County Clerk	N/A	Varies

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