

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY**

DEPT: Clerk Recorder

BOARD AGENDA: 6.B.4
AGENDA DATE: December 16, 2025

SUBJECT:

Approval to Extend the One-Dollar (\$1.00) Additional Recording Fee, Allowable Under Assembly Bill 137

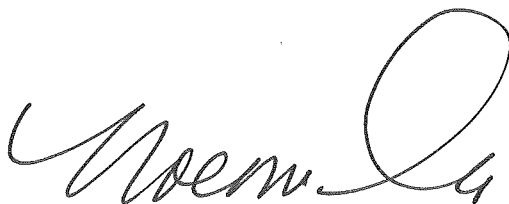
BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0680

On motion of Supervisor Grewal Seconded by Supervisor C. Condit
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: Withrow, Grewal, C. Condit, and Vice-Chairman Chiesa
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Chairman B. Condit
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) X Approved as recommended
2) _____ Denied
3) _____ Approved as amended
4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: NOEMI LEON, Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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CONSENT: ☒

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the continuation of the one-dollar (\$1.00) additional recording fee, pursuant to Government Code Section 27361.4 and Assembly Bill 137, to fund document preservation, archival maintenance, and modernization efforts within the Clerk-Recorder's Office.

DISCUSSION:

Government Code Section 27361.4, originally enacted in 1969, authorized the Board of Supervisors to establish a one-dollar (\$1.00) fee for recording or filing each instrument, paper, or notice. The fee was implemented to offset costs associated with converting the County Recorder's document storage system to micrographics and the preservation of archival microfilm.

Assembly Bill 212 (Chapter 41, Statutes of 2019) expanded the permissible use of this fee to include the restoration and preservation of archival microfilm, the implementation and funding of a County Recorder archive program, and the maintenance of a trusted digital system for permanent preservation of recorded document images.

Section 27361.4 was previously scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2026; however, Assembly Bill 137 (2025) repeals that sunset date and authorizes counties to continue collecting the fee beyond 2026, ensuring sustained support for required preservation, restoration, and modernization of official records. At this time, there is no sunset date identified to end the extension of this fee.

The Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder's Office utilizes the revenue generated from this fee to:

- Preserve and restore historical and permanent records;
- Maintain archival microfilm and digital imaging systems; and
- Modernize document storage and retrieval systems to ensure long-term access and integrity.

Extending this fee does not increase the cost of recording but preserves a critical, dedicated funding source that ensures continued compliance with state law and supports the County's commitment to safeguarding permanent public records.

POLICY ISSUE:

This request is being made in accordance with Government Code Section 27361.4, as amended by Assembly Bill 212 (Chapter 41, Statutes of 2019) and Assembly Bill 137 (2025). Approval of this request ensures continued compliance with current state law, maintains a dedicated funding source for permanent records preservation, and supports the County's commitment to protect public records and historical documents. Extension of the fee authority also provides a stable mechanism to support digitization, archival modernization, and related Recorder's Office functions authorized under state law. This action ensures the County remains aligned with the evolving statutory requirements while sustaining long-term stewardship of essential permanent records.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Continued collection of the existing one-dollar (\$1.00) additional recording fee will not increase the current recording fee charged to the public. The fee generates approximately \$15,400 annually, which is dedicated exclusively to document preservation. These funds allow the Clerk-Recorder's Office to continue essential preservation activities, maintain archival microfilm and digital imaging systems, and support ongoing modernization efforts. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended actions are consistent with the Board's priority of *Delivering Efficient Public Services* by maintaining a dedicated funding source for preserving and modernizing permanent public records.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.

CONTACT PERSON:

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