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NOTICE: LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO RECORDER FEES

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Assembly Bill 2224, (Chapter 292, Statues of 2026), was signed into law on September 18, 2026.

Pursuant to the legislative changes, Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder's Office will make amendments to recorder fees, subject to approval from the county board of supervisors with required notice. A public hearing is scheduled for December 8, 2026, and if approved by the county board of supervisors, the fee changes would be effective 30 days after adoption of the ordinance.

This legislation amends Government Code (GC) § 27361 resulting in the following changes to recording fees:

- The base fee for recording and indexing every instrument, paper, or notice shall go from $10.00 to $15.00 for recording the first page and from $3.00 to $4.00 for each additional page. Therefore, the total cost, which includes mandatory ancillary fees to the public, would increase from $14.00 to $19.00* to record the first page and $3.00 to $4.00 for each additional page.

  ***Note:** The $19.00 recording fee includes the $15.00 base recording authorized by Assembly Bill 2224 (2026), $1.00 micrographics fee (GC 2361.4 (a)), $1.00 Electronic Recording Delivery System program fee (County Ordinance 1324, 2022), $1.00 days of operation fee (GC 27361.4 (b)), $1.00 index completion within 2 business days (GC 27361.4 (c)).

- For any Release of Lien executed by the state, county, city or district, the fee shall be two times the base recording fee of the year the original lien was recorded without a fee. (GC § 27361.3)
  - Original Lien Recorded 2009 and prior — $8.00 release fee
  - Original Lien Recorded 2010 to 2026 — $20.00 release fee
  - Original Lien Recorded 2027 to present — $30.00 release fee

- The following fees will no longer be assessed by the Clerk-Recorder's Office:
  - Penalty Print (GC § 27361(a)(1)) — $1.00
  - Non-Conforming Page Fee (GC§ 27361(a)(2)) — $3.00
  - Referencing Fee (GC§ 27361.2(a) — $1.00
  - Indexing Fee (GC§ 27361.8(a)) — $1.00