

RECORDER-COUNTY CLERK



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Dear Document Recording Customers:

Amendment to Government Code § 27388.1, as per Senate Bill 2, Building Homes and Job Act.

Effective January 1, 2018, recordable documents may be charged a \$75 fee per title as per the legislative amendment to Government Code § 27388.1. This is a state law that County Recorder must follow.

The amendment mandates an additional \$75 fee at the time of recording of every real estate instrument, paper, or notice required or permitted by law to be recorded, except those expressly exempted from payment of recording fees, per each transaction per parcel of real property, not to exceed \$225.

The following exemptions apply:

- Exempt from fee per GC 27388.1 (a) (2) recorded concurrently "in connection with" a transfer subject to the imposition of documentary transfer tax, or
- Exempt from fee per GC 27388.1 (a) (2) recorded concurrently "in connection with" a transfer of real property that is a residential dwelling to an owner-occupier, or
- Exempt from fee per GC 27388.1 (a) (1) fee cap of \$225 reached
- Exempt from fee per GC 27388.1 (a) (1) not related to real property

Documents believed to be exempt from paying the fee must identify a valid exemption on the face of the document, or on a document cover sheet, when submitted for recording.

Copies of the Document Cover Sheet (as per GC 27388.1) are available on our website under forms. www.sbcounty.gov/ARC/Main/FormsFees/Forms.aspx

If no valid exemption is declared, the fee may be assessed.

Fees collected are deposited to the state and may not be available for refund.