



# Kern County Assessor-Recorder

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To: All interested parties

From: Brian Pace, Assistant Recorder

Re: **Government Code section 27388.1 – Affordable Housing & Jobs Act Fee (SB-2)  
Signed by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State September 29, 2017, Effective January 1, 2018**

Effective January 1, 2018, in order to fund the State's Affordable Housing & Jobs Act, (SB-2), Government Code section 27388.1 requires that documents accepted for recording at the Kern County Recorder's Office be charged an additional seventy-five dollars (\$75) fee as follows:

*"...a fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75) shall be paid 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 single transaction per parcel of real property. The fee imposed by this section shall not exceed two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225)..."*

Only an expressly limited number of statutory exemptions exist regarding the collection of this fee. When an exemption is applicable, a **valid declaration of exemption must be placed on the face of each document prior to depositing with the Recorder**, otherwise the fee will be assessed and collected. Following are samples of applicable statutory exemptions to be used on the first page of each document:

1. Exempt from fee per GC 27388.1 (a) (2); recorded "in connection with a transfer subject to the imposition of documentary transfer tax".
2. Exempt from fee per GC 27388.1 (a) (2); recorded "in connection with a transfer of real property that is a residential dwelling to an owner-occupier".
3. Exempt from fee per GC 27388.1 (a) (1); fee cap of \$225 reached.
4. Exempt from the fee per GC 27388.1 (a) (1) not related to real property.
5. Exempt from the fee per GC 27388.1 (a) (1) payment of recording fees expressly exempted by law.

Failure to include a specified statutory exemption will result in the imposition of the \$75 Building Homes and Jobs Act fee. Fees are collected on behalf of the State and are deposited with the State for funding of the State program. The County Recorder only collects the fee on behalf of the State.