



County of Ventura COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

November 17, 2017

TO: All Document Recording Customers

FROM: Ventura County Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters

SUBJECT: SB 2 Exemptions

The California Legislature passed and the Governor signed Senate Bill 2, Chapter 2.5 of the Statutes of 2017 changing that effective January 1, 2018, recordable documents may be charged a fee to support the Building Homes and Jobs Act.

The bill imposes a mandate on County Recorders to charge an additional \$75 at the time of recording 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, not to exceed \$225.

Documents believed to be exempt from paying the \$75 Building Homes and Jobs Act fee must have an exemption on the face of the document when submitted for recording. The following exemption(s) may 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” **or**
- Exempt from the fee per GC 27388.1 (a) (1) Not related to real property

Failure to include an exemption reason will result in the imposition of the \$75 Building Homes and Jobs Act fee. Fees collected are deposited to the state and may not be available for refund.

California Government Code § 27388.1 Buildings Homes and Jobs Act Fee Grid

DOCUMENTS W/Exemption	
1 document, 1 document title = \$0 No DTT TOTAL - \$0	All documents which have a valid exemption stated on the face of the document are exempt and NO fee will be assessed.
INDIVIDUAL & CONCURRENT DOCUMENTS- DTT PAID	
1 document, 1 document title = \$0 DTT Paid TOTAL - \$0	Any document with paid DTT is exempt and NO fee will be assessed.
4 documents each with 1 document title = \$0 DTT Paid on one document TOTAL - \$0	Any document(s) submitted in the same transaction "in connection with" documents that has DTT paid are exempt and NO fee will be assessed.
INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTS- NO DTT	
1 document, 1 document title = \$75 No DTT TOTAL - \$75	1 st title charged \$75
1 document, 2 document titles = \$150 No DTT TOTAL = \$150	
1 document, 4 document titles = \$225 No DTT TOTAL = \$225	\$75 cannot be assessed on remaining documents, titles because the cap is reached.
CONCURRENT DOCUMENTS	
3 documents, 3 document titles = \$225 No DTT TOTAL = \$225	
4 documents, 5 document titles = \$225 No DTT TOTAL = \$225	\$75 cannot be assessed on remaining documents, titles because the cap is reached.
No CAP – Unrelated Documents	
5 documents– 1 title each No DTT, non-related, but sent in together, TOTAL: \$75.00 x 5 = \$375.00	Because these documents are unrelated, each will be charged the \$75. For example, 5 lien releases mailed in together with 5 different names.

NOTES:

- NOTE:** The definition of a parcel is, "a piece of land of any size that is in one ownership." (1984, American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers; The Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal). Recordors do not have the capability to decipher or interpret parcel information as this is not a function of the Recorder. As such, the Association has determined SB2 fees will be calculated as one parcel being the same as one transaction with the single charge of \$75.
- Transaction is defined and "refers to an instrument, paper or notice presented together and related to the same parties and property." (CRAC)
- Calculation per title - GC § 27361.1, states in part: "Whenever two or more instruments, papers, or notices are serially incorporated on one form or sheet, or are attached to one another, except as an exhibit marked as such, each instrument, paper, or notice shall be considered to be a separate instrument, paper, or notice for the purpose of computing the fee established by § 27361 of this code."