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Notice of Recording Fee Changes!

2019 Utah Legislative Session & House Bill 247 (HB247)

House Bill 247 was signed into law by Governor Herbert and will take effect on Wednesday, May 14, 2019. This new law changes document recording requirements and fees in every county in Utah.

The highlighted provision section of the of the bill summarized what this new law is meant to do:

- *“increases certain statutorily defined fees that a county recorder charges;*
- *modifies the recording fee structure to a per-recording rather than a per-page fee;*
- *removes certain distinctions between certain types of documents for purposes of determining fees;*
- *repeals authority for a county recorder to charge an additional fee for a document that fails to meet requirements the recorder imposes in addition to the statutory requirements;”*

(Bill text quoted from: <https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0247.html> Accessed 4-19-2109)

The Salt Lake County Recorder, Rachelle Hobbs , succinctly summarized the nuts and bolts of recording fee changes this way: **“Documents submitted for recording (excluding plats) will be charged a \$40 fee with an additional \$2 fee for each description exceeding 10.”**

While decreasing the average recording costs for a deed of trust, this bill will increase fees for several commonly recorded documents like deeds, reconveyances, affidavits, and releases.

Please keep these new recording costs in mind and update fee quotes if your transaction is scheduled to close after May 13, 2019.

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