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New Real Estate Recording Fee Goes In Effect In California January 1, 2018

The California Legislature recently passed, and the Governor signed into law, the **Building Homes and Jobs Act** (also known as “SB 2”), which adds a recording fee surcharge on some real estate documents recorded after January 1, 2018.

Subject to some important exemptions, the currently applicable county recording fees will increase on January 1st by \$75 for each real estate instrument, for each transaction, for each parcel of real property, but not to exceed a maximum surcharge of \$225 for a single transaction. This is in addition to other recording fees that may apply to a document.

The types of “real estate” documents that will be subject to the additional fees include: grant deed, trustee’s deed, deed of trust, request for notice of default, subordination agreement, declaration of homestead, abandonment of homestead, notice of default, easement, notice of trustee sale, notice of completion, mechanic’s lien, maps, and CC&Rs.

If these new real estate recording fees will apply to you or your business in 2018 and you have questions, please give us a call.



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