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Kern County
Assessor-Recorder

FEE SCHEDULE

Effective Oct. 24, 2022

Cash/Money Order/ or
Pre-printed Check Only
DO NOT MAIL CASH

RECORDINGS

Recorder Annex
1530 Truxtun Ave.
Bakersfield, California 93301
PH 661-868-6400/FX 661-327-3241
Recordings: 8:00 am-3:00 pm
response@kerncounty.com

COPY REQUESTS

Hall of Records
1655 Chester Ave.
Bakersfield, California 93301
PH 661-868-6400/FX 661-868-6432
Copies: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Forms and Information:
www.recorder.co.kern.ca.us

VITAL STATISTICS / COPIES — 8:00 AM TO 4:30 PM DAILY

COPY HOURS
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

CASH / MONEY ORDER / CHECK ONLY
(payable to Kern County Recorder)
DO NOT SEND CASH IN MAIL

Order Online by Credit Card at:
www.vitalchek.com

VITAL RECORDS FEES

Health & Safety Codes 103625, 100430, 103525.5, Welfare & Instns. Code 18966, Penal Code 14251, Family Code 1852

	PUBLIC FEE	GOVT. AGENCY
BIRTH Certificate/Search	$29.00 ea.	$22.00 ea.
DEATHS Certificate/Search	$24.00 ea.	$24.00 ea.
MARRIAGES Certificate/Search	$17.00 ea.	$12.00 ea.
FETAL DEATHS Certificate/Search	$21.00 ea.	

If no record is found, fees will be kept as required by law for the search, and a Cert. of No Record Found will be issued.
Health & Safety Code 103650

OFFICIAL RECORDS COPY FEES

First Page	***GC 27366***	$3.00 per document
Each addl. page		$0.50
Certification Fee	***GC 27364***	$0.50 per document
Maps First Page	***GC 66434***	$6.00
Each addl. page		$3.00

RECORDING — 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM DAILY

Recording Fees

First page (8½"x11")	***GC 27361 et seq.***	$13.00* / $3.00 ea. addl. pg.
Combined Documents	***GC 37361.1***	$13.00* per each addl. title
Penalty fees		
ANY page not 8½"x11"	***GC 27361(a)(2)***	$3.00 per every page of document
Maximum size is 8½"x14"	***GC 27361.5***	
Real Estate Fraud Fee	***GC 27388***	$10.00** per document title(s)
Building Homes & Jobs Act Fee*	***GC 27388.1***	$75.00 per transaction per parcel (APN) per title
Maximum/Cap		$225.00 per transaction (maximum cap)
Documentary Transfer Tax	***R&T 11911 et seq.***	$0.55 / $500.00 ***or fraction thereof***
Maps (Parcel, Tract, Survey, etc.)	***GC 27372***	$7.00* per first page / $3 ea. addl.

**See following page for additional information on the Building Homes & Jobs Act Fee.*
***See final page for additional information about the Real Estate Fraud Fee.*

(Recording Fees Continued)

Federal Liens and Releases	***CCP 2104***	$13.00 per first page / $3 ea. addl.
County/State Releases	***GC 27361.3***	$20.00 flat fee
Penalty Print *(9 vertical lines/in. – 22 horizontal chars./in.)*	***GC 27361(a)(1)***	$1.00 per document
Additional indexing (previous documents)	***GC 27361.2***	$1.00 per reference cited
(Each group of 10 names)	***GC 27361.8***	$1.00 per group of ten

Filing Fees

Preliminary 20-Day Notice*	***GC 27361.9***	$71.00
U.C.C. Filings*	***GC 12194***	$20.00* (for 1 or 2 pages) $30.00* (for 3 or more pages)

Copy Fees ***NOTE: We do NOT conform copies***

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Preliminary Change of Ownership Report (PCOR) **NO FEE**

Missing PCOR (when required) **$20.00**
R&T 480.3(b)

Returned Check Fee (for any reason) **$35.00**

Survey Monument Fee: **N/A in Kern Co.**

Involuntary Lien Fee: **N/A in Kern Co.**

Miscellaneous Fees

***BUILDING HOMES AND JOBS ACT (SB2-*2017* / AB 110-*2018*) – Government Code 27388.1**

Commencing January 1, 2018, in addition to any other recording fees, 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). Documents believed to be exempt from paying this fee must cite a valid exemption on the face of the document. A cover page is also available on our website at www.recorder.co.kern.ca.us. The following exemptions may apply:

- GC 27388.1(a)(1): Recorded document is expressly exempted from recording fees (recorded/executed by Govt. agency).
- GC 27388.1(a)(2): Recorded in connection with a transfer subject to the imposition of documentary transfer tax.
- GC 27388.1(a)(2): Recorded in connection with a transfer of real property that is a residential dwelling to an owner-occupier – ***NOTE: A Preliminary Change in Ownership Report (PCOR) stating such is required with submission.***
- GC 27388.1(a)(1): The fee cap of $225 reached (3x $75.00).
- GC 27388.1(a)(1): Not related to real property (*Powers of Attorney, Affidavits of Death of Trustee, Notary Bonds, etc.*).
- GC 27388.1: Recorded in connection with a previous transfer of real property that was subject to documentary transfer tax on _____, in document _____. ***Must be Jan. 1, 2018 or after.***
- GC 27388.1(a)(2): Recorded in connection with a previous transfer of real property that is a residential dwelling to an owner- occupier; on _____, in document _____. ***Must be Jan. 1, 2018 or after.***
- GC 27388.1(a)(1): The fee cap of $225 reached previously on _____, in document number _____. ***Must be Jan. 1, 2018 or after.***

****REAL ESTATE FRAUD FEE Government Code 27388**

In Kern County, the Real Estate Fraud Fee applies to all "real estate instruments" as defined in Government Code 27388(a)(2).

This fee applies to a Deed of Trust, an Assignment of Deed of Trust, an Amended Deed of Trust, an Abstract of Judgment, an Affidavit, an Assignment of Rents, an Assignment of a Lease, a Construction Trust Deed, Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs), a Declaration of Homestead, an Easement, a Lease, a Lien, a Lot Line Adjustment, a Mechanics Lien, a Modification for Deed of Trust, a Notice of Completion, a Quitclaim Deed, a Subordination Agreement, a Release, a Reconveyance, a Request for Notice, a Notice of Default, a Substitution of Trustee, a Notice of Trustee Sale, a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale, or a Notice of Rescission of Delaration of Default, or any Uniform Commercial Code (UCC): such as, an Amendment, Assignment, Change, Continuation, Statement, or Termination).

The Real Estate Fraud Fee does not apply to any real estate instrument, paper, or notice if any of the following apply:

- The real estate instrument, paper, or notice is accompanied by a declaration stating that the transfer is subject to a documentary transfer tax pursuant to Section 11911 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- The real estate instrument, paper, or notice is recorded ***concurrently*** with a document subject to a documentary transfer tax pursuant to Section 11911 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- The real estate instrument, paper, or notice is presented for recording within the same business day as, and is related to the recording of, a document subject to a documentary transfer tax pursuant to Section 11911 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. A real estate instrument, paper, or notice that is so exempt shall be accompanied by a statement that includes both of the following:
    i. A statement that the real estate instrument, paper, or notice is exempt from the fee.
    ii. A statement of the recording date and the recorder identification number or book and page of the previously recorded document.