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## **Notice of Recording Fee Increase**

**Effective July 14, 2023 - Pursuant to Government Code 27388.2(a)**

We would like to inform you of an upcoming fee adjustment at the Riverside County Assessor-Clerk Recorder's Office, effective July 14, 2023. In accordance with the implementation of the *Restrictive Covenant Modification Program (Assembly Bill 1466)*, a \$2 fee will be applied to each title and parcel contained within a document submitted for recording.

**Background:** In September 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom approved *AB 1466 Real Property: Discriminatory Restrictions*, marking a significant milestone in the fight against discriminatory practices in the housing sector. This legislation mandated all County Recorders to establish a specialized program known as the Restrictive Covenant Modification Program. The primary objective of this program is to proactively eliminate any instances of discriminatory language found within the restrictive covenants of housing documents, as outlined in Section 12956.3.

To ensure the effective and continuous operation of the Restrictive Covenant Modification Program, a fee increase has been introduced. The rationale behind this fee increase is to provide essential financial resources that will enable the program to carry out its mandated responsibilities diligently. This includes the systematic identification and removal of discriminatory language from housing documents' restrictive covenants, as mandated by Section 12956.3.

We would like to highlight that certain exemptions apply to this fee. If applicable, these exemptions must be clearly indicated on the front page of the document to be exempted from payment. Exemptions include real estate instruments executed or recorded by the state, federal government, county, municipality, or other political subdivision. Additionally, documents related to transfers subject to documentary transfer tax or transfers of residential dwellings to owner-occupiers are exempt.

We strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with these exemptions and take advantage of them if you meet the eligibility criteria. For more detailed information regarding the fee and its exemptions, please refer to Fees, California Government Code section 27388.2(a) and (b)(1)(2).

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this transition. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Riverside County Restrictive Covenant Modification Program, please visit our website at [www.rivcoacr.org/RestrictiveCovenantModification](http://www.rivcoacr.org/RestrictiveCovenantModification). Thank you for your continued support.