RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,
CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK RECORDER FEES

November 17, 2026

WHEREAS, California Family Code sections 360 and 510 authorize the County Clerk to establish fees for duplicate marriage licenses; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 1995, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 19-143 establishing a fee for a duplicative marriage license of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) (the "Duplicate Marriage License Fee"); and

WHEREAS, California Business and Professions Code 17928 authorizes the County Clerk to establish a fee for furnishing daily or monthly compilations of Fictitious Business Name filings ("Fictitious Business Name Daily Index" and "Fictitious Business Name Monthly Index Fee"); and

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 27366 authorizes the County Recorder to establish fees to provide a copy of any other record or paper on file in the office of the recorder,

WHEREAS, On March 14, 1995, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 19-143 establishing a fee for the service of conforming a copy of an official record (the "Conformed Copy Fee"); and

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 27366 and 27364 authorizes the County Recorder to establish fees for duplication of official records and their certification respectively; and

WHEREAS, On June 25, 2024, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 24-084 establishing a fee of $1.00 per page for copies of official records (the "Official Record Paper Copy Fee") and $1.00 for their certification (the "Recorder Copy Certification Fee"); and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 26831 authorizes the County Clerk to establish a fee for copies of records held by the County Clerk (the "Clerk Copy Fee"); and

WHEREAS, Business and Professions Code Sections 6404 , 22352 , and 22453 authorize the County Clerk to establish fees for issuing of identification cards for registered process servers and professional photocopiers (the "Registered Process Servers ID Card Fee" and the "Professional Photocopiers ID Card Fee," respectively); and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Clerk-Recorder requests that the Board of Supervisors establish fees in an amount consistent with what is authorized under California law that would not be inconsistent with keeping Orange County recording fees the lowest in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Clerk-Recorder would like to restate rather than adjust certain fees to provide members of the public an updated version of its fees; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 66018 permit such fees to be revised by the Board following a public hearing held pursuant to procedures set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors has caused notice of the public hearing to be published as required by California Government Code Section 6062a; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2026, this Board caused a public hearing to be held as required by California Government Code Section 66018; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to revise the fees charged by the County for services performed by the Office of the Clerk-Recorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors hereby

1. Resolve that the above recitals are true and correct.
2. Find that the adoption of the Resolution approving the proposed fee is Statutorily Exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to

Section 15273(a)(1) and (a)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines as the establishment or modification of rates, fees and charges which are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits and purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials.

3. Find that these fees meet the requirements set forth in subdivision (e)(2), (e)(3), or (e)(5), as applicable, of Section 1 of Article XIII C of the California Constitution and are therefore exempt from the definition of a tax as used therein.
4. Find that the revenue resulting from the fees established pursuant to this resolution will not exceed the estimated reasonable costs to provide these services and that the costs of providing these services are reasonably allocated among the fees established hereby.
5. Repeal Resolution No. 95-143.
6. Authorize the following fees:
    a. Adopt a Duplicate Marriage License Fee of sixty dollars ($60).
    b. Adopt a Fictitious Business Name Index Daily Fee of one dollar ($1).
    c. Adopt a Fictitious Business Name Index Monthly Fee of seven dollars ($7).
    d. Adopt a Notary Public Registration Fee of thirty-five dollars ($35).
    e. Adopt a Copy Fee Official Records of two dollars ($2) per page.
    f. Adopt a Certification Fee Official Record Copies of two dollars ($2).
    g. Adopt a Copy Fee Clerk Copy of one dollar ($1) per page.
    h. Adopt a Registered Process Servers and Professional Photocopiers Additional ID Cards Fee of ten dollars ($10).
    i. Adopt a Conformed Copy Fee remains one dollar ($1.00) per page.
7. Declare that the fees established herein effective as of January 1, 2027.