ORDINANCE NO. 26-____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 00-3 AND ADOPTING A NEW FEE ORDINANCE REGARDING MARRIAGE LICENSE AND CEREMONY FEES; SERVICES RELATED TO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES; AND VARIOUS COUNTY CLERK FEES

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Uncodified Ordinance No 00-3 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Government Code sections 54985 and 54985 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to increase or decrease via ordinance a fee that is statutorily authorized in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied.

SECTION 3. The Office of the Clerk Recorder, through a study of its fees, has found that some adjustments to its present fees should be made as necessary to recover the cost of providing the products and services provided by its Office.

SECTION 4. As necessary to recover the costs of providing these services, the following fees are hereby established:

(1) Marriage License: $75.00.
(2) Confidential License: $80.00.
(3) Performance of Marriage Ceremony, including vow renewal: $32.00.
(4) County Clerk Copy Certification: $2.00.
(5) Fictitious Business Name Filings, Abandonment and Withdrawals Fee: $30.00.
(6) Fictitious Business Name Searches. $7.00.
(7) Fictitious Business Name (FBN), Additional FBN or owner: $7.00.
(8) Involuntary Lien Notices: $10.00.
(9) Twenty-Day Preliminary Notice: $72.00.
(10) Environmental Impact Report Filing: $50.00.
(11) Legal Document and Unlawful Detainer Assistant ID Card: $10.00.
(12) Notary Signature Authentication: $20.00.
(13) UCC Financing Statement Searches, Responses: $15.00.
(14) Dissolution of Partnership, Notice: $30.00.

SECTION 5. Any subsequent fee adjustments shall be recommended by the Clerk-Recorder and may be adopted through resolution by the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 6. The revenue resulting from the fee established pursuant to this ordinance will not exceed the estimated reasonable costs to provide this service and the cost of providing this service is reasonably allocated to the fee established hereby.

SECTION 7. These fees meet the requirements set forth in subdivision (e)(2) of Section 1 of Article XIII C of the California Constitution and are therefore exempt from the definition of a tax as used therein.

SECTION 8. The Adoption of this Ordinance is Statutorily Exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15273(a)(1) and (a)(2) 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

SECTION 9. Fees shall be effective January 1, 2027.