

# Lincoln County

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DATE: April 16, 2018  
TO: ALL RECORDING CUSTOMERS  
FROM: SHELLY JOHNSTON, LINCOLN COUNTY AUDITOR  
SUBJECT: CHANGES TO WASHINGTON STATE RECORDING FEES

### EFFECTIVE JUNE 7, 2018

Washington State Legislature passed HB 1570 - Homeless Surcharge, and E2SHB 2578 – Affordable Housing. The bills will take effect on June 7, 2018.

The bill makes the following changes to the current recording fee schedule:

- Removes the “real estate related” provision so the surcharge will be collected on almost all recorded documents.
- Exempt documents are:
  - Assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust;
  - Recorded birth, death, divorce & marriage certificates;
  - Documents already exempted from recording fees by specific RCWs, such as Military Discharge
  - State, County & City Liens and Lien Releases will not be subject to the surcharge, but will be \$37 for the first page and \$1 for each additional page, including those that were previously exempt.  
**Note:** Town liens will be \$99 for the first page and \$1 for each additional page.

State law requires that we collect full fees and distribute them to the appropriate agencies. As a result, if a document is submitted without full payment, we are required to send it back and request that it be submitted with the correct fee. In these cases we will notify you of the fee we expect to be submitted.

We understand that any delay in recording documents has significant impacts to businesses and our shared customers, so we strongly encourage you to contact us with any questions or to verify the recording fee prior to submitting your documents. Our recording staff can be reached at (509) 725-4971 Monday through Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm.