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To: Recording Customers

From: Chelan County Auditor's Office, Recording and Licensing Department

TWO fee increases effective July 27, 2025

1. The recording fee for the following document types is increasing to \$301.00:

- Assignment of Deed of Trust
- Appointment or Substitution of Trustee
- Resignation of Trustee

This increase of \$283.00 is at the direction of HB 1858, passed by the 2025 legislature. Current exemptions from both the \$183 document recording surcharge (RCW 36.22.250) and the \$100 Covenant Homeownership Program assessment (RCW 36.22.185) have been removed for these document types. An exemption from the \$2.50 growth management and planning surcharge remains in force, however, bringing the fee for these particular documents to \$301.00 rather than the standard fee of \$303.50.

2. The Marriage License fee is increasing to \$157.00. This \$100 increase is at the direction of HB1498, passed by the 2025 legislature, and funds a Domestic Violence Co-Responder Account and Grant Program. The Program will award matching grants to cities and counties for the purpose of establishing and operating domestic violence co-responder programs.

Tip for mailing documents close to the effective date: Customers mailing documents within two weeks of the July 27 effective date may wish to include a separate \$283 check in addition to the current recording fees when submitting Appointment/Substitution of Trustee or Assignment of Deed of Trust documents. If your documents record prior to July 27, we will return any unneeded extra checks.

*A fee schedule can be found on the reverse of this page. Additional copies can be found on the county website at <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/auditor/pages/fees>.

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