



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Clerk-Recorder-Assessor

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Kim Barrett 3471

**Vote Requirement:** 4/5th

**Supervisory District(s):** Countywide

**Title:**

Waive Recorder and Assessor fees for copies of specified records for all County disasters that result in property damage for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve fee waiver for Recorder and Assessor copies of specified records for all County disasters that result in property damage for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (4/5<sup>th</sup> Vote Required)

**Executive Summary:**

Clerk-Recorder-Assessor requests the Board to waive fees for copies of specified records for owners of properties impacted by County disasters through June 30, 2021. Records provided would include the most recent recorded property deed and reconveyance, Assessor property profiles, building records and sketches. Records would be provided to the current owner of the property. These records are needed for insurance and rebuilding purposes. The Board of Supervisors approved on September 15, 2020 to waive fees for copies of specified records for owners of properties impacted by the LNU Lightning Complex Fire and now we have subsequently had the Glass Fire and there may be more disasters. We are not yet at the end of fire season and then going into winter we may have flooding all before the end of the fiscal year. To ensure timely availability to records the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor is requesting a fee waiver for any County declared disaster through the end of the fiscal year.

**Discussion:**

Pursuant to Government Code section 26227, the Board of Supervisors may fund programs deemed by the Board to be necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the county, including but not limited to the areas of health, public safety, rehabilitation, welfare and the needs of physically, mentally and financially handicapped persons and aged persons. The Clerk-Recorder-Assessor is recommending the Board find that the proposed waiver of costs for specified Recorder and Assessor records is necessary to meet the social needs of our community. No other fee payers will have increased fees as a result of this board action; the General Fund will subsidize the discount with contingency funds to promote the recovery effort. Clerk-Recorder-Assessor requests Board authorization to waive fees for copies of specified records, including the most recent recorded property deed and reconveyance, Assessor property profiles, building records and sketches for owners of properties impacted by County disasters through June 30, 2021. These records are needed for insurance and rebuilding purposes.

**Prior Board Actions:**

9/15/20: Approved Board item 2020-0895 Waive Recorder and Assessor fees for copies of specified records for LNU Lightning Complex Fire victims.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 20-21 Adopted</b>	<b>FY21-22 Projected</b>	<b>FY 22-23 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested	\$5,300		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>		
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies	\$5,300		
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>		

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

It is estimated the waiver of fees through the end of the Fiscal Year will cost an additional \$5,300 on top of the \$10,000 that the Board allocated for the LNU Lightning Complex Fire victims on September 15, 2020, which will be covered with FY 2020-21 General Fund Contingencies. The additional funds needed is based on what was provided free for the 2017 fires and the number of properties that we know have received property damage so far this fiscal year.

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll Classification)</b>	<b>Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)</b>	<b>Additions (Number)</b>	<b>Deletions (Number)</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

N/A

**Attachments:**

N/A

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

N/A

