

# Real Property

## Recording and Filing of Instruments

In terms of sheer volume, legal instruments constitute the major portion of paperwork flowing through the office and require the greatest amount of storage space. The complexity of the recording process itself, along with the volume of work and the many different types of instruments required to be filed in the clerk's office, places much responsibility on the clerk.

### ECTOR COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE FEE SCHEDULE – MARCH 2010

<b><u>RECORDING FEES-REAL PROPERTY RECORDS</u></b> Sec. 118.011 (a)(1)(2) Local Government Code	
First Page (includes \$5.00 for 1 <sup>st</sup> page, \$5.00 Records Mgmt, \$5.00 Records Archive Fee & \$1.00 Security Fee)	\$16.00
Each Additional Page or Portion Thereof	\$4.00
Each Additional name to be indexed in Excess of five (5) names	\$.25
Each Attachment or Rider	\$4.00
<p>ARTICLE 3930C, AS AMENDED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1978: Provides double the filing fee for that page if: (A) Names are not legibly typed or printed immediately under each signature or (B) If more than one (1) rider is attached to any page</p> <p>PROPERTY CODE-VTCA 11.003 (AG OPINION MW433) EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 1982: Requires that a grantee's address be in or attached to any document conveying real property executed after December 31, 1981. If address of each grantee is not included, the payment of a penalty filing fee equal to the greater of (1) twice the statutory filing fee for the filing of such document with the County Clerk or (2) \$25.00 will be required. This fee is in addition to the filing fee.</p> <p>NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALES – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1984: Notice of such proposed sale shall be given by posting a written notice of the sale at the courthouse door, and by filing a copy of the notice in the Office of the County Clerk in which the sale is to be made at least 21 days proceeding the date of the sale. The Clerk shall receive a fee for each notice filed.</p>	\$2.00

<b>EACH FEE BELOW REFLECTS A \$5.00 RECORDS MANAGEMENT FEE, \$5.00 RECORDS ARCHIVE FEE AND \$1.00 SECURITY FEE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DOCUMENTS FILED BY A STATE AGENCY</b>	
Abstract of Judgment (1 <sup>st</sup> Page)	\$16.00
Each additional page or portion thereof	\$4.00
Abstract of Judgment (Received from state agency)	\$11.00
Lis Pendens (1 <sup>st</sup> Page)	\$16.00
Each additional page or portion thereof	\$4.00
Assumed Name Certificate (with one owner)	\$13.00
Each additional owner listed	\$0.50
Assumed Name Abandonment (with one owner)	\$13.00
Each additional owner listed	\$0.50
Cemetery Deed	\$16.00
Cattle Brand	\$16.00
Clerk's Certificate	\$5.00
Deposit of Will for Safekeeping	\$16.00
Federal Tax Lien	\$21.00
Release of Federal Tax Lien	\$21.00
Military Discharges (Recording & Copies)	N/C
Child Support Liens (From Texas Attorney General)	N/C
Release of Child Support Liens (From Texas Attorney General)	N/C
Child Support Liens (From anyone other than Texas Attorney General) 1 <sup>st</sup> Pg	\$16.00
Each additional page or portion thereof	\$4.00
Release of Child Support Liens (From anyone other than Texas Attorney General)	\$16.00
Each additional page or portion thereof	\$4.00
Patents (1 <sup>st</sup> Page)	\$16.00
Each additional page or portion thereof	\$4.00
Polygraph Examiner's Registration	\$16.00
Public Weighers Bond or Warehouseman's Bond	\$16.00
Each additional page or portion thereof	\$4.00
All Bonds (Not Specifically Listed)	\$16.00
Each additional page or portion thereof	\$4.00
Plats	\$21.00
State Tax Lien (From State Agency Only)	\$11.00
Release of State Tax Lien (From State Agency Only)	\$11.00
State Tax Lien (From anyone other than State Agency)	\$16.00
Release of State Tax Lien (From anyone other than State Agency)	\$16.00
UCC Financing Statement, Amendment or Termination (1 <sup>st</sup> Page)	\$16.00
Each additional page or portion thereof	\$4.00
Utility Security Instrument	\$16.00

Each additional page or portion thereof	\$4.00
Hospital Liens (1 <sup>st</sup> page)	\$16.00
Each additional page or portion thereof	\$4.00
Release of Hospital Lien (1 <sup>st</sup> page)	\$16.00
Each additional page or portion thereof	\$4.00
Criminal, Civil and Probate Searches (10 year period)	\$10.00
Searches of State & Federal Tax Liens and Abstracts of Judgments	\$5.00
<b>ISSUING COPY OF ANY OF THE ABOVE IN REAL ESTATE RECORDS:</b>	
Certified Papers (Sec. 118.014) Clerk's Certificate	\$5.00
Each page or portion thereof	\$1.00
Non-certified copies (Sec. 118.0145) Each page or portion thereof	\$1.00
<b>All copies are to be made from the original documents as filed by the County Clerk</b>	

**Documents sent by mail for recording:**

**Include a phone number and a copy of your driver's license with all personal checks. Do not send a personal check if you live out of state; send a money order or cashiers check.**

**E-recording offered through:      simplifile at [www.simplifile.com](http://www.simplifile.com)**