



To: All Washington Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company

From: WFG Underwriting Department

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Subject: \$100 Surcharge on Recording Documents

Beginning July 26 recording fees on most documents will increase by \$100, increasing the cost of a one-page document to \$203.50. [House Bill 1277](#) adds a \$100 surcharge to fund programs to prevent evictions and address homelessness. The governor signed the bill Monday, May 12, 2021. All are encouraged to review county information pages as they become available online. Any closing cost estimate for closings with estimated closing dates, on or after July 26 should take the new fees into account. The surcharge will not apply to:

- Assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust
- Documents recording a federal, state, county, city, or water-sewer district, or wage lien, or satisfaction of lien
- Documents recording a birth, marriage, divorce, or death
- Marriage licenses issued by the county auditor
- Documents that are exempt under state law from recording fees or surcharges

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