



RESOLUTION NO. 2025-27

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES PURSUANT TO THE NEW MEXICO RECORDING ACT

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County met in a duly noticed, regular Commission meeting on March 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sierra County Administration Building, 1712 North Date Street, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901; and,

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Recording Act, NMSA 1978, Section 14-8-14 (2011), governs the County's obligation to provide real property records, as affirmed by the New Mexico Court of Appeals in TexasFile LLC v. Bd. of County Commissioners of County of Lea, 2019-NMCA-038, ¶ 14, 446 P.3d 1173, 1179, cert. denied (Aug. 8, 2019); and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 14-8-14 (2011), provides that records maintained in the office of the county clerk are available for search without charge during regular business hours; and,

WHEREAS, this section further authorizes County Clerks to establish reasonable fees for conducting searches and for reproducing or copying records maintained in the office of the county clerk; and,

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office incurs costs associated with employee time required to conduct searches and provide real property records; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds it necessary and appropriate to establish a reasonable fee for such services in accordance with the New Mexico Recording Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Sierra that:

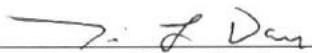
1. The County Clerk shall charge a fee of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00) per hour for employee time spent conducting searches for real property records. If a person requesting inspection would like a copy of a public record, a reasonable fee may be charged, as detailed in the list below. A receipt indicating that the fees have been paid for making copies of public records will be provided upon request to the person requesting the copies.

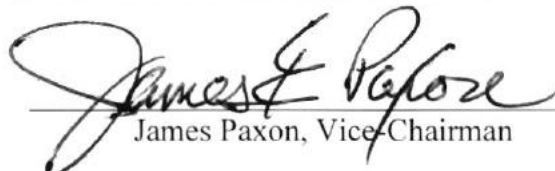
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Photo Copies	\$1.00
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18" x 24" Plats	\$4.00
24" x 36" Plats	\$6.00
36" Plus Plats	\$1.00 for each additional foot
Electronic Data	\$0.35/CD, actual cost to the County for USB, or free Google link


2. Requestors may search for records in the Clerk's Office free of charge during regular business hours.
3. The County Clerk's Office may require advance payment of fees before conducting searches or providing copies of requested records.
4. Any excess funds paid by the requestor shall be refunded. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated amount, an additional cost estimate will be provided before further work is undertaken.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 18th day of March, 2025.

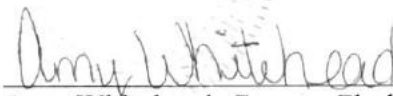
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SIERRA COUNTY


 Travis Day, Chairman


 James Paxon, Vice Chairman


 Hank Hopkins, Commissioner

Attest:


 Amy Whitehead, County Clerk