

## **News Release**

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## **Charleston County Register of Deeds Announces Change to Filing Fees**

The Charleston County Register of Deeds adopted new filing fees in cooperation with South Carolina State law. On May 16, South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster signed Bill 3243 and the law became effective August 1, 2019. The action amends <u>Section 8-21-310</u> relating to filing and recording fees.

Recording Fees: https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/rod/files/recording-fees.pdf?v=393

As of the August 1, all 46 counties have uniform recording fees. Before August, each county had the ability to set their own fee limits.

"The new fees not only will affect this office, but it also puts all 46 counties in South Carolina on the same playing field," said Register of Deeds Michael Miller. "The next step is to get the General Assembly and Governor McMaster to create a way to generate funds to preserve all historic documents throughout the state. Charleston County's Register of Deeds Office has the oldest documents in the state, so we need the assistance more than others."

## 2019-2020 Bill 3243: Filing and recording fees: https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123\_2019-2020/bills/3243.htm

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