## NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES Real and Personal Property Recording Fees HB 288 - Predictable Fees Bill (Legislative changes to 15-6-77(f) ;(1)(A)(i)-(iii), (B)-(2) ) Effective January 1, 2020

During the 2019 Legislative session House Bill 288 was passed, which directly affects real and personal property recording fees. This bill will provide uniformity in recording fees in all 159 counties in the State of Georgia. The following changes are:

## **Real Estate and Personal Property Recording Fees**

- All liens (including Federal Tax liens, notice of Lis pendens, writs of fieri facias, cancellations of liens), financing statements and all real estate instruments, including cancellations, releases or assignments will be \$25 filing fee for each, exception to state liens or local government agency liens, see specific liens below.
- Any instrument that includes a request for cancellation, satisfaction, release or assignment of **more than one instrument**, the **filing fee** will be **\$25.00 for each** cancellation, release, satisfaction or assignment. EX. #1- Assignment with two security deeds listed that are being assigned will be \$50.00, \$25.00 for each. Ex. #2. Financing Statement that also includes an Assignment will cost \$50.00, \$25.00 for each.
- All plats will be a flat \$10 fee for each page.
- All tax liens and cancellations by State or Local Government Agency the fees will not be affected and will remain \$5.00 for the first page and \$2.00 per additional pages. A cross reference fee of \$2.00 for each will apply. This applies to: Department of Revenue Liens and local Tax Commissioner Liens.

PLEASE NOTE: All cross reference fees are included in the \$25.00 fees. However, cross reference requests that are not required by law will need to be denoted on instrument at the time of recording, no fee required. All cross references required by law will continue to be cross referenced. This new legislation does not conflict with the exemption from filing fees for releases for conservation use property (OCGA 48-5-7. 4). Any exempted fees currently in existing law are not affected by HB 288.