

CLIENT ALERT

RECORDER'S OFFICE - NO OVER THE COUNTER RECORDINGS.

In response to the coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak and in an effort to minimize the spread of said virus, the Orange County Recorder's Office has implemented a new protocol to minimize and/or eliminate foot traffic in their offices.

Effective March 16, 2020, the Orange County Recorder's Office will not allow any attorney, attorney service or the general public to enter its offices for the purpose of recording any documents, including any documents that are time sensitive.

We are required, effective today, to submit all Orange County recordings by mail. For most of our clients, this will primarily impact the recording of Notices of Non Responsibility. Those documents must be posted AND recorded within ten (10) calendar days from the date you first found out (or should have known) that construction has begun on a particular property.

In the past, when a client asked us to handle the recording of a Notice of Non Responsibility on a rush basis with a deadline looming, we used our courier to walk through the rush recording in person at the recorder's office. As of today, that will no longer be allowed. The statutory deadline for the recording of a Notice of Non Responsibility, however, has not been extended. This means that if you want this type of recording done by our office, we must receive the original signed documents well in advance of the ten (10) day deadline. If we receive late requests for recordings, we will have absolutely no way of accommodating you.

We fully expect other recorder's offices through out the state to send out similar notices.

Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions.

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