



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

PROCEDURE FOR TERMINATION OF JOINT TENANCY UPON DEATH OF A JOINT TENANT

Document that may be recorded in order to give public notice of the death of a joint tenant and clear record title of the deceased person's interest are: (Civil Code § 683.2)

1. **DECREE ESTABLISHING FACT OF DEATH:** Requires a court action to be filed.

OR

2. **AFFIDAVIT – DEATH OF JOINT TENANT:**

- a. May be obtained from stationery stores.
- b. Should be accompanied by a DEATH CERTIFICATE from the County Recorder in the County where the death occurred.

3. **CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OF INHERITANCE TAX LIEN**

Contact the office of: STATE CONTROLLER/DIVISION OF TAX ADMINISTRATION
P.O. BOX 942850, SACRAMENTO, CA 94250-5872
(916) 445-2636

COMPLETED DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE COUNTY WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ADDRESS IS:

REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
DOCUMENT ANALYSIS & RECORDING SECTION
P.O. BOX 1250, NORWALK, CA 90651-1250

NOTE: Recorder's Office staff cannot provide assistance in obtaining, completing or notarizing any forms for recording. To ensure recorded documents effecting a change in ownership of real property contain all the correct information required by law, it may be necessary to consult an attorney.

RECORDING FEE:

AFFIDAVIT-DEATH OF JOINT TENANT: \$18.00 for the first page plus \$3.00 for each page thereafter for each document; May 19, 2008, charge \$1 redaction fee for every instrument/title, pursuant to Assembly Bill 1168 and *effective December 15, 2008, charge \$1 eRecording fee for every instrument, pursuant to Government Code § 27397 (C) Subsection 1.* (The certification on the reverse side of the death certificate constitutes an additional page.)

CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OF INHERITANCE TAX LIEN: \$18.00

If you have any questions regarding fees, please contact the Recorder's Office at (800) 201-8999.

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