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IMPORTANT NOTICE

HB 2029 Effective Monday, January 1, 2024

House Bill 2029 (HB 2029) was approved by the 2023 Oregon Legislature, the Governor signed the bill, and it has now been enrolled into law. HB 2029 amends Oregon Revised Statute 205.232, **changing the minimum font size from 8-point to 10-point type for recorded documents.**

HB 2029 becomes effective on January 1, 2024. Beginning that day, documents being recorded in the County Clerks' property records in Oregon must have text with font sizes no smaller than 10-point. We urge all our customers to begin updating their forms and templates early to avoid recording delays beginning in 2024.

The statute now reads:

205.232 Conditions for instruments to be recorded; exception. Except as provided in ORS 205.327, a county clerk shall not accept any instrument for recording unless the text of the instrument is typed, written or printed in 10-point type or larger on paper that is not larger than 14 inches long and 8-1/2 inches wide and which paper is of sufficient quality for recording photographically. However, this section does not apply to out-of-state notarial acts or to certified copies of public records presented to a county clerk for recording.

This transition is being made for accessibility purposes. It also brings Oregon's standards up to the best practices recommended by PRIA (Property Records Industry Association) to ensure readability after scanning, indexing, filming, and archiving of permanent records.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call our office at 541-473-5151.