

## Fact Sheet: Viewable Documents From Our Online Record Index

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### **Background**

Beginning June 5, 2018, the Thurston County Auditor's Office will make additional documents viewable from our Online Records Index. Our goal as the steward of county public records is to strike a balance between easy access and protecting the privacy of sensitive information available on some types of records. All of our public records are available for inspection in person at our office.

Previously, customers could view the following documents on the index:

- Most Maps
- Declarations of Forfeiture
- Notice of Trustee Sale (NTS)
- Notice of Intent of Forfeits (NIF)
- Discontinuances of NTS and NIF

### **New Documents Viewable on Online Record Index as of June 5, 2018**

Customers can now also view the following document types:

- Deeds
- Easements
- Releases
- UCCFF
- UCCMISC
- UCCTFF
- Leases
- Agreements

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

*Why are you making these documents viewable now?*

Our office has always tried to strike a balance between easy access and individual privacy, since many public documents contain sensitive personal information. After receiving requests to make a broader set of document types viewable from our Online Record Index, we reconsidered historical practices.

We selected the document types listed above because they are the least likely to have sensitive personal information. All public records remain viewable by visiting our office.

If you have any specific questions about these document types, please consult a title company or real estate attorney. Our office can't provide legal advice.

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