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To whom it may concern,

In the past six months there have been some big efforts made to help correct an industry problem with regard to inconsistencies in the recording and processing of documents statewide.

First, the Utah Association of County Recorders created a *Standards Committee* on December 19th 2022, and gave that committee the ability to determine best practices, prepare standards, and present those standards to the association members for a vote. Any standards receiving a 75% vote of a quorum of association members become the standard for the association. The Standards Committee also seeks input and an approval vote from the board of the Utah Land Title Association and the board of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors on standards which affect those industry partners.

Second, the Utah State Legislature passed House Bill 351 of the 2023 legislative session which created a *County Record Standards Board* on May 3rd 2023. The legislature gave that board the ability to make rules that establish statewide standards for county recorders to eliminate inconsistencies and promote uniformity throughout the state with respect to services provided by a county recorder.

In an effort to be as consistent and uniform as possible with the other county recorders across the state, the Uintah County Recorder's Office will implement any standards adopted by the states County Recorder Standards Board or by the Utah Association of County Recorders.

To help transition to new adopted standards, we will publish them on a new '*Recording and Processing Standards*' page on our website:

[https://www.uintah.utah.gov/departments/q - z_departments/recorder/index.php](https://www.uintah.utah.gov/departments/q-z_departments/recorder/index.php)).

To allow us all some grace in transitioning to a new standard, we will strive to begin implementing that standard as soon as possible, however, we will not strictly enforce the adopted standard until the first day of the second month after the adoption date of the standard.

We hope these efforts improve your ability to provide your services to the land owners of Uintah County.

Respectfully,

Brenda McDonald
Uintah County Recorder