

**331.606 General filing requirements.**

1. In addition to other requirements specified by law, the recorder shall note in the county system the date of filing of each instrument, the number and character of the instrument, and the name of each grantor and grantee named in the instrument. In numbering the instruments, the recorder may start with the number one immediately following the date of annual settlement with the board and continue to number them consecutively until the next annual settlement with the board or the recorder may start with number one on the first working day of the calendar year and continue to number the instruments consecutively until the last working day of the calendar year.

2. The recorder shall also note in the index the exact time of the filing of each instrument.

3. The county recorder may give the county sheriff the records filed under [this chapter](#) pertaining to the sale and registration of weapons or may dispose of those records if the sheriff does not wish to receive the records.

4. The recorder shall permanently archive an unaltered version of each recorded document or instrument. A document or instrument may be archived in its original format, as an electronic document, or in another format suitable for preserving information in the document or instrument. A person may view and copy an original or unaltered document or instrument in the office of the recorder.

[S13, §498; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §5178, 5246; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §335.15, 342.23; S81, §331.606; [81 Acts, ch 117, §605](#)]

[90 Acts, ch 1021, §1](#); [96 Acts, ch 1015, §1](#); [97 Acts, ch 121, §6](#); [2001 Acts, ch 44, §8](#); [2005 Acts, ch 179, §130](#); [2009 Acts, ch 159, §5](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1063, §179](#)

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