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PROPERTY OWNERS SHOULD BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR OFFERS TO BUY PUBLIC RECORDS AT HIGH PRICES

Leon County Clerk & Comptroller Gwen Marshall is warning Leon County residents to be on the lookout for official-looking notices they receive in the mail informing them that they need to purchase a copy of the deed for their property. Some of the solicitations note a \$95 service fee.

Deeds and other official records are easily obtained online or directly from the Clerk's Office, Official Records Division. Unofficial copies may be printed free from the Clerk's public website at www.clerk.leon.fl.us. Paper copies cost \$1 a page, and certified copies cost an additional \$2. For example, a certified copy of a ten page mortgage agreement would cost \$12. These fees are set by state law.

While solicitations like this may be legal, they are definitely misleading. We recently learned from citizens that they had received these solicitations. We want to remind people that copies of documents recorded in the official records of Leon County are available free online and at standard, low rates in our office. There is no need to pay someone else a high price to obtain any public records from the Leon County Clerk & Comptroller's Office.

The records available at the Leon County Clerk & Comptroller's office include deeds, mortgages, liens, court judgments and marriage licenses. As the County Recorder and custodian of legal records, the Clerk maintains and ensures the integrity of the Official Record Books of Leon County dating back to 1824. For more information on purchasing copies of public records, contact the Official records Division at (850) 606-4030.

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