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County Recorder Melissa Jordan warns residents about an unnecessary and expensive solicitation letter

County Recorder Melissa Jordan is once again warning property owners to beware of companies offering to assist with obtaining deeds and other public records for a fee.

“Property Transfer Services of Wilmington, Delaware has mailed letters to area residents saying they are recommending owners obtain a copy of their “Grant Deed” and complete “Property Profile.” I believe the wording of the letter is misleading. The letter appears as a bill with a due date, even though they specifically state “this is not a bill” in smaller print. It also seems to include reference to paying for “comparable property values,” which is not included in your property record. Taxpayers can contact a realtor for an independent opinion of their property value or review recent sales of comparable properties if they are appealing the County Auditor taxable value of their property,” said Recorder Jordan.

“These types of solicitations are not new, but it is important to remind the public they have access to their property information directly from our office, either in person or over the internet. Please remember that once a property owner files a deed in the Recorder’s Office, it is a permanent record of ownership. This filing protects the owner’s property rights. It makes no difference whether the property owner has a physical copy or original deed in their possession. The rights of ownership of that parcel are safe and secure,” Jordan added.

Property owners can obtain uncertified copies of a deed from the Recorder’s Office for \$.05 per page. Certified copies are \$2.00 per page, plus a \$2.00 certification fee. Most deeds are about three pages long. Any deed recorded after 1990 can be viewed and printed free from the Recorder’s website at <http://cotthosting.com/ohdelaware>.

Please call the Recorder’s Office for further information or assistance at (740) 833-2460. The Recorder’s public website is located at <http://cotthosting.com/ohdelaware>. The Recorder’s Office is located at 140 North Sandusky Street, Delaware, Ohio on the first floor of the building. The office is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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