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**Recorder of Deeds warns of high-priced deed copies**

Greene County Recorder of Deeds Cheryl Dawson warns new homeowners and other real estate owners to be aware of high-priced offers for copies of property deeds.

A Fulton, Mo. company is offering to provide homeowners copies of their property deeds for \$87. While this is not illegal, it's much higher than the Recorder's fee of \$1 per page for copies. Most property deeds are no longer than two pages.

"This is not the first company that has tried to charge people an exorbitant amount for copies of county records," said Dawson. "It's not illegal; it's just ridiculous."

In addition, Dawson said most homeowners already have their original property deed in their possession. Dawson said the company appears to be targeting new homeowners.

The company's \$87 offer also includes a property profile, containing much of the same information available for free from the Greene County Assessor.

To access the Greene County Assessor's property records, visit [www.greenecountymo.org/assessor](http://www.greenecountymo.org/assessor) and click "Name Search," or visit the office at Greene County Historic Courthouse, 940 Boonville Ave., Room 39, Springfield.

To obtain a copy of your property deed, contact the Greene County Recorder's Office at 417-868-4068 or visit the office at the Greene County Historic Courthouse, Room 100.

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