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Recorder of Deeds warns of high-priced deed copies

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

Private companies are soliciting homeowners to purchase copies of their property deeds for very high fees, sometimes up to \$87 or more. 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.

"Every few years we see a resurgence in companies trying to charge people an exorbitant amount for copies of county records," Dawson-Spaulding said. "It's not illegal; it's just ridiculous."

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

The company's offer 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.gov/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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For more information, please contact the Recorder of Deeds office at (417) 868-4068.