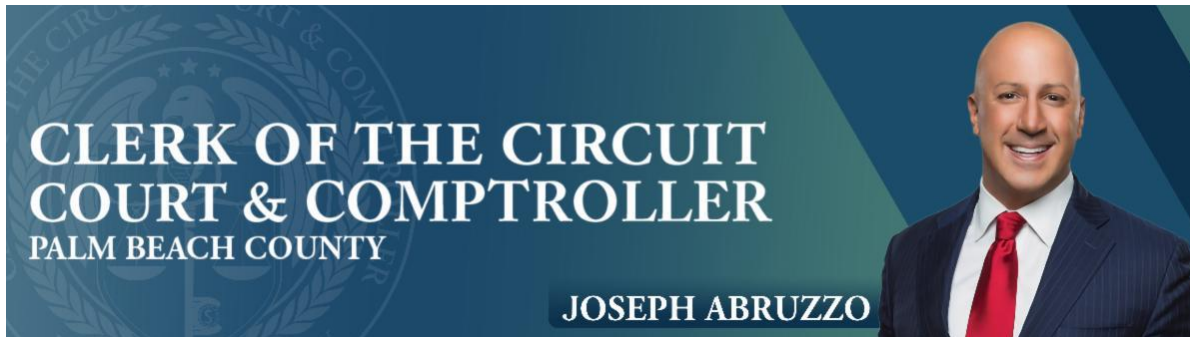


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CLERK ALERT

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Don't Overpay for Copies of Your Deed and Other Public Records

Palm Beach County's housing market is one of the hottest in the country, and that makes our community a target for companies looking to cash in.

Private companies are once again using official-looking letters to mislead homeowners into overpaying for copies of their property deeds. These carefully crafted letters urge people to pay as much as \$95 for a public record they can easily get from their local Clerk's office for just a few dollars.

Although these kinds of solicitations from private companies are not illegal, they often use high-pressure tactics that can be confusing and frightening. Don't be fooled!

If your deed or other official record has been recorded in Palm Beach County, our team at the Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller is here to help you get the information you need. To avoid overpaying for copies of your records:

Be wary of unsolicited letters urging you to respond immediately. Our office does not send notices asking you to purchase a copy of your deed or other documents.

Search online for free. Uncertified copies of deeds, mortgages, liens, court judgments, marriage licenses and other official records can be downloaded and printed for free from our website, mypalmbeachclerk.com/records/official-records.

Request a certified copy for a small fee. We provide copies of official records for \$1 per page, and they can be certified for an additional \$2.

If you're uncertain about a solicitation or notice you receive in the mail, or if you have questions about obtaining copies of your public records, please contact our Records Service Center at (561) 355-2932 or visit www.mypalmbeachclerk.com.

Regards,



Joseph Abruzzo
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

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