

## Office of Paula S. O'Neil Clerk & Comptroller Pasco County, Florida

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We would like to inform Pasco County citizens of a revived solicitation effort affecting public records. While this solicitation is not illegal, it may mislead customers to overpay for their records. Knowing the price and services offered by the Clerk & Comptroller's Office can help protect your wallet.

The Florida Attorney General's Office recently reported the solicitation practice. However, in Pasco County, citizens have fallen prey to this practice in the past, see prior <u>Solicitation Alert</u>. The practice consists of a company offering to sell homeowners a certified copy of their Deed for prices ranging from \$50 to \$100.

**Be advised:** The true cost of a certified document is only \$1.00 per recorded page and \$2.00 for certification. Moreover, deeds and other public records can be viewed and printed, as an unofficial copy, for free at <a href="www.pascoclerk.com">www.pascoclerk.com</a> under the Online Services tab. Additionally, information contained in the Property Profile can be obtained from the Pasco County Property Appraiser's website. These public records can be viewed and printed without a cost at <a href="www.pascopa.com">www.pascopa.com</a>.

For help obtaining certified copies of the official record, you can reach a deputy clerk at 352-521-4408 in Dade City and 727-847-8086 in New Port Richey. Services are also available by visiting the East and West Pasco Government Centers. For office locations and further information about public records, please visit <a href="www.pascoclerk.com">www.pascoclerk.com</a>, located under the Public Records tab.