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Solicitation Alert



The Clerk & Comptroller's Office is entrusted with the care and preservation of Pasco County's records. Paula S. O'Neil, Ph.D., 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 prices for services offered by the Clerk & Comptroller's Office may help you to protect your wallet.

Homeowners and citizens in Pasco County and around the State have fallen prey to these solicitations. The Clerk & Comptroller's Office wants you to be informed and aware of this scam before it reaches your mailbox or you are contacted by phone. 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 may be viewed and printed for free as unofficial copies by visiting www.pascoclerk.com, under the 'Online Services' tab. Information contained in the property profile may also be obtained from the Pasco County Property Appraiser's website. These public records may be viewed and printed without a cost by visiting www.appraiser.pascogov.com.

The Clerk & Comptroller's Official Records Department provides copies for the public, as prescribed by Florida Statutes. The department may be reached at (352) 521-4408 in Dade City and (727) 847-8086 in New Port Richey.

If you are a victim of fraud or suspect fraudulent activity, contact the Pasco County Sheriff's Office by dialing (727) 844-7711 (non-emergency line).