

Texas County Recorder of Deeds, Susan Warkentin says citizens may have heard the report recently on the local news that companies are once again targeting citizens with high-priced offers for copies of deeds. This same offer covered the state in September of 2012.

Warkentin says that firms are offering property owners copies of their deeds and a 'property profile' for \$85-\$89. The Recorder's fee is \$1.00 per page for copies, which usually provides the same information. Other information in the 'profile' may be obtained from the Assessor's office. Warkentin stated that "most property deeds are no more than two pages," and that "most property owners already have their original property deed in their possession."

She added, "I am concerned about companies taking advantage of our citizens by not being fully truthful. While this practice is not illegal, it is outrageous. If anyone receives one of these letters, I would urge them to ignore it and contact our office. The Recorder's Association of Missouri notified the Attorney General's office of this matter in 2012."

To obtain copies of deeds and other related information, please contact the Texas County Recorder's office at (417) 967-8438, or the Texas County Assessor's office at (417) 967-4709. Both offices are located at 210 N. Grand Ave. in Houston.