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## **Overpriced Deed Copies Now Being Sold from Jefferson City Mailbox**

Homeowners across Missouri are again receiving solicitations ([copy, homeowner's information redacted](#)) to purchase unnecessary copies of their property deeds at a steep price, resulting in county Recorders of Deeds issuing more consumer alerts.

In St. Louis City, there have been two prior consumer warnings this year.

This time, however, the business name and location are similar to a government office, the business is not registered with the State, and the cost is even higher than previous mailings.

Offers to sell homeowners a copy of their deed for \$89.00 are coming from Local Records Service, 1709 Missouri Blvd Suite 2 #331, Jefferson City, MO 65109. The location is a UPS Store.

"The mailer states it is not associated with a government office. The name and Jefferson City address imply otherwise," said Sharon Quigley Carpenter, St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds and Vital Records Registrar.

"[Local Records](#) is the name of a records preservation program in Jefferson City under the Missouri Secretary of State, and is sometimes referred to as the Local Records Office."

The business is not registered with the [Secretary of State's Corporations Division](#).

"The latest solicitation states that you can buy a copy of your deed from your country recorder but it may cost up to \$89.00, which is absurd."

"You do not need a copy of your deed. If you do need a certified copy of your deed, it will cost you \$5.00-\$7.00 in our office. In most cases, you can get it in a matter of minutes over the counter or in the mail next day."

[In August, the St. Louis City Recorder and Registrar issued a Consumer Alert](#) on deed re-sale solicitations by National Record Service of Northbrook, Illinois, which had previously operated as Record Retrieval Department from a mailbox in Fulton, Missouri, resulting in a [March Consumer Alert](#).

Recorders of Deeds in Missouri have been receiving [consumer inquiries and complaints and issuing consumer alerts on deed re-sale businesses since 2007](#).

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