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Why Spend \$59.50 When You Can Spend \$12.00?

Since 2004, Phyllis K. Walters, McHenry County Recorder has been notifying county homeowners of the practice of companies selling certified copies of deeds at over-inflated prices.

Once again, the County Recorder's Office has begun receiving inquiries from concerned homeowners regarding letters they received from a company offering to sell and mail them a certified copy of their deed for \$59.50.

Recorder Walters wants to advise all property owners that while this practice is not illegal, it is unnecessary and expensive. Homeowners do not have to go through a third party, or spend a lot of money to obtain a certified copy of their deed. A certified copy may be purchased for \$12.00, a statutory fee, by calling the Recorder's Office Microfilm Department at (815) 334-4128, or by visiting the office in the McHenry County Administration Building, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock.

It is suspected that one company soliciting customers has requested certified copies from the Recorder's Office, which is legal under the public information laws. The company then attempts to resell the information to homeowners at a substantial profit.

A form letter sent out by the company also requests credit card information to process the order, something that consumers should always give out with caution.

Recorder Walters encourages anyone with a question regarding their deed, or interested in purchasing a certified copy to contact the Recorder's Office at (815) 334-4110, or stop by the County Administration Building at 667 Ware Road, Woodstock.