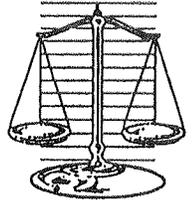




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LAW DIRECTOR ADVISORY Solicitation of Recorded Deed Notice

It has come to the attention of the City of Parma Law Director's Office that Parma residents are at risk of becoming a victim of a solicitation. Specifically, from our knowledge this has been recently targeted towards senior residents. The solicitation is labeled as "RECORDED DEED NOTICE", and is being sent out by a company named "First Documents". The notice recommends that all Ohio homeowners obtain a copy of their Current Grant Deed and Property Assessment Profile for a one-time fee of \$83.00. The solicitation will be individually addressed and includes all of your Cuyahoga County public property information.

First Documents advertises itself as an analysis and retrieval firm that uses multiple resources to execute property reports and deliver requested deeds. The idea is that the company tries to persuade people who are often not familiar with the real estate process into paying more than \$80 for property records. This includes deeds that they can get for a small fee or often free of charge from their county recorder in the county where the property is located.

Obtaining a copy of your deed and property information for your personal files is most often unnecessary, but in the event that this information is needed, you can acquire this information from the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office (formerly known as the Cuyahoga County Recorder's Office) **free of charge** by:

1. Visiting the website <http://recorder.cuyahogacounty.us/>
2. Input parcel number or name linked to the property
3. Download the public information

In the rare event that certified copies are needed, you will need to visit the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office located at: 2079 E. 9th St, Cleveland, OH 44115. There is a \$1 certification fee and \$2 certified copy fee associated accordingly.

Furthermore, the Parma Law Director's Office can assure you that First Document is not affiliated with the State of Ohio or the County Fiscal Office. This service is not associated with any governmental agency, has not been approved or endorsed by any government agency, and this offer is not being made by an agency of the government.

Once again, please beware: **THESE NOTICES ARE SOLICITATIONS, AND YOU ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO PAY THE AMOUNT STATED (\$83), UNLESS YOU ACCEPT THE OFFER.**

If you have any further questions you may call the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office Public Information Department at: (216) 443-7300.