



Register: Don't pay for a copy of deed

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— SALEM — Don't be scammed.

An Illinois company called National Record Services Inc. is sending letters to Essex County property owners offering them "an official copy of your deed" for \$69.50.

"This is nothing more than a consumer rip-off," Register of Deeds John O'Brien said.

A copy of your deed can be retrieved free of charge at the Southern Essex Registry of Deeds at 450 Congress St., Suite 4100, Salem.

If you purchased a home after 1983, you can print a copy of your deed on the registry's Web site at no cost. The Web site is www.salemdeeds.com.

If you purchased your home before 1983, a free copy can be obtained by calling the registry's customer service department at 978-542-1704 or by e-mailing southernessexcustomerservice@sec.state.ma.us.

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