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## Lake County Clerk warns property owners about official-looking Recorded Deed Notices

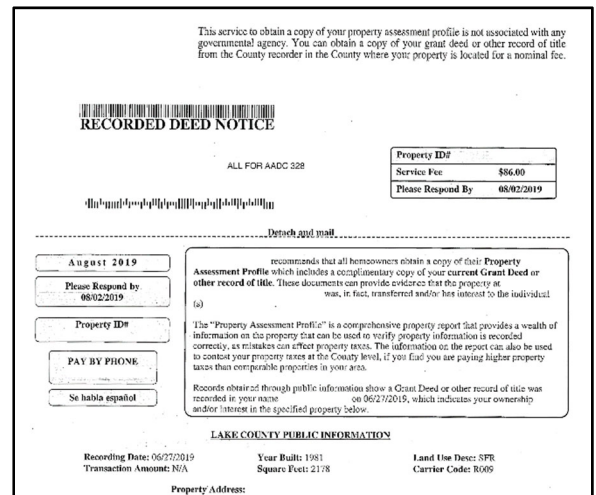
**TAVARES** — The Lake County Clerk’s Office is alerting residents who have recorded official documents recently, such as deeds and notices of commencement, about official-looking notices that are being mailed from companies that promise to provide a report of property data for a service fee.

“These companies gather contact information from public records on recently-recorded documents, then use that information to target residents with official-looking mailers that offer services and information that are readily available and free to our customers,” said Gary Cooney, Lake County’s Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller.

The information these companies offer for sale typically can be found on a variety of government websites. For those seeking information about properties in Lake County, the following resources are available:

- **Lake County Clerk’s Website** (<https://officialrecords.lakecountyclerk.org>)  
The Clerk’s website allows free access to recorded deeds and provides information on recorded properties, such as the recording date, sale amount, legal description, and property owner.
- **Lake County Property Appraiser’s Office** (<https://lakecopropappr.com/>)  
The Property Appraiser provides information on property values, property tax exemptions, tax estimates, comparable sales, and Geographic Information System (GIS) assessment maps.
- **Lake County Tax Collector’s Office** ([www.laketax.com](http://www.laketax.com))  
The Tax Collector’s Office has records of tax amounts by year, as well as information on tax delinquencies.
- **Lake County Board of County Commissioners** ([www.lakecountyfl.gov](http://www.lakecountyfl.gov))  
The Board of County Commissioners maintains information about a property’s zoning, flood determination, and permits (unincorporated properties).

The Lake County Clerk’s Office offers residents a free recording notification service that notifies property owners when documents are recorded into Lake County’s Official Records. To sign up for the Clerk’s Fraud Protection Service, visit [www.LakeCountyClerk.org/Fraud](http://www.LakeCountyClerk.org/Fraud). For questions related to recording of documents, contact the Clerk’s Official Records Division at (352) 253-2600.



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