

Grant Deed Scams

DON'T BE FOOLED:

Many homeowners are receiving official looking letters, as though they are from the County or a mortgage lender, urging them to request an "official" copy of their Grant Deed in order to prevent foreclosure, prove that they own their own home, and to be in compliance.

THE CATCH:

They are charging sometimes as much as \$200 for the copies.

The actual fee for a certified copy of a document from the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk varies per region, but ranges from \$6 for the first page and \$3 for each additional page(s) per document, to as low as \$1 for the first page as well as additional pages, thereafter.

KNOW THE FACTS:

You can obtain a copy of your Grant Deed directly from your County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk with no third party assistance needed.

The County Registrar-Recorder mails the original Grant Deed document to the homeowner after it is recorded. Therefore, you should already have your original Grant Deed.

If you have the original Grant Deed in your possession, there is no need to purchase a copy. The original is a legally binding document that can be used for your business transactions.

WHY A COPY OF A GRANT DEED IS NEEDED?

The following are common reasons why you would need a copy of your Grant Deed:

- Lost or misplaced original Grant Deed
- Selling or Refinancing the property
- If you need a legal description of your property

HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF A GRANT DEED:

You can obtain a copy of a Grant Deed from your local County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/ COUNTY CLERK LOCATIONS:

Los Angeles County:

12400 East Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650
(562) 462-2125 | www.assessor.lacounty.gov

Orange County Clerk-Recorder:

Attn: Copy Desk
12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 106
Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 834-2461 | www.ocgov.com

San Diego Co. Assessor/Recorder/Clerk:

1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 103
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 236-3771 | www.sdarcc.com

Riverside County Clerk:

2720 & 2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507
(800) 696-9144 | www.riversideacr.com

San Bernardino County Recorder-Clerk:

222 W. Hospitality Lane, 1st Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415
(855) 732-2575 | www.sbcounty.gov

Ventura County Assessor's Office

800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1270
(805) 654-2181 | assessor.countyofventura.org

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