

Recorder's office clarifies deed issue

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HAMILTON – The Butler County Recorder's Office received nearly 25 calls or e-mails from residents Wednesday concerned about a letter they received from the National Deed Service.

The letter told residents they could obtain a certified copy of their deed for \$59.50. But Denise Goll, chief deputy at the recorder's office, said residents may request copies in the office or by mail for \$3 and have them processed the same day.

"We are the only place that can give you an original certified copy by law, there is no one else," Goll said, though it is not illegal for a third party to request the deed.

County Recorder Dan Crank said most homeowners already have a copy of their deed but individuals who don't have a copy shouldn't be concerned.

"You don't need a copy of your deed even to transfer your house because when you sell your house; they create a new deed," he said.

Goll said the only reason to have a deed is for proof of residence.

The National Deed Service could not be reached for comment.