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COMPTROLLER HAYNIE ISSUES CITIZEN ADVISORY

Orlando, Florida – Some Orange County property owners are receiving letters from companies offering to sell them a certified copy of their deed, at prices ranging from \$50 to \$100. In many cases, these letters resemble official government agency correspondence and express urgency in obtaining a copy of the deed.

“These offers are not coming from Orange County or any other governmental agency,” says Comptroller Martha Haynie. “Your deed is a public record and is permanently maintained and preserved by the Orange County Comptroller’s Office. These records are available online 24/7 and in most cases, when viewing the deed online, we provide links to the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector data relevant to that property. You do not have to pay a private company for these services. You can view and print, for free, a non-certified copy of your deed from our website: www.occompt.com. Should you ever need a certified copy, the cost is \$1.00 a page and \$2.00 for the certification. In most cases, the total cost will be between \$3.00 and \$5.00.”

Haynie continues, “While there does not appear to be anything illegal about this offering, it is a totally unnecessary expense for a homeowner to incur.”

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Comptroller’s Official Records Department at 407.836.5115.

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