



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESS RELEASE

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Donald E. Ashe, Hampden County Register of Deeds, announced today that a Deed Service is offering to provide a certified copy of a deed for the price of either \$59.50 or \$69.50. The Registry of Deeds is the only source for providing certified copies of deeds and it charges \$1.00 per page which for most deeds amounts to a total of \$2.00.

The Deed Service will charge a customer \$59.50 or \$69.50 for a copy of a deed then obtain said copy from the Registry of Deeds while paying only \$2.00. Unfortunately a number of property owners have purchased a copy of their deed from this company, when for only \$2.00 they could have obtained the very same deed, properly certified, from the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Register Ashe also stated that he has informed the Secretary of State, William F. Galvin, and the Attorney General's Office to determine whether any violation of state regulation or law has occurred regarding the actions of the Deed Service.

The Deed Service is a private company not affiliated with any governmental agency.

REGISTER ASHE URGES EVERY PROPERTY OWNER WHO IS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A COPY OF THEIR DEED TO CONTACT THE HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS BEFORE MAKING A COMMITMENT TO DO SO.

For any additional information please contact the Register of Deeds, Donald E. Ashe.

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