

Pet Rocks, Mood Rings, and Deed Providers  
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Recently a letter to nearly all property owners in our area offers a certified copy of recorded deed for nearly \$70 fee. RWSSC staff has researched this issue and found that certification of a recorded deed is available at a very modest cost through the DuPage and Cook County Recorder's office. DuPage Recorder Fred Bucholz states, "As DuPage County Recorder, I felt it incumbent upon myself to give all citizens and landowners in DuPage County clarification concerning a letter being circulated by a company named Illinois Deed Providers, Inc.

Let me start by saying that this company has no affiliation whatsoever with the DuPage County Recorder's Office. It is my duty to maintain records of the deeds to your property in my office. I make these records available to you for a small charge (\$5.00 plus 50 cents to copy each page, most deeds are 2-3 pages. Certified deeds may be ordered online on your credit card for an additional \$5.00 fee). You may obtain certified copies of any records from my office by coming to the office in Wheaton during normal business hours. I also make copies available on the Internet at anytime.

You need not be induced to accept any offer of a private business for copies of these records. You can rest assured that your property records are safely maintained by my office. I also want you to know that my staff remains ready to provide you with any assistance in obtaining copies of any records relating to your property.

My office can be contacted at (630) 407-5401 to do research or on the Internet at [www.dupageco.org/recorder](http://www.dupageco.org/recorder). Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Cook County Recorder Gene Moore also is aware of the Illinois Deed Provider letter and reminds all Cook County residents that a certified copy of their deed is available for \$36.50 at any of the Recorder's offices.

RWSSC advises that all brokers and agents remind property owners of the important services available at low cost through county government. The services of Illinois Deed Providers, Inc are duplicative and not needed for the normal course of a real estate transaction.