

Office of the Register of Deeds

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Re: Identity Theft Law of April 2nd, 2008

Recently passed legislation dealing with identity theft will affect the way we record documents. Effective immediately, we will not accept documents with any of the following personal information.

'A person preparing or filing a document for recordation or filing in the official records may not include a social security, driver's license, or personal identification (PIN) code, or passwords in the document, unless expressly required by law. An individual has a right to request a register of deeds or clerk of court to remove, from an image or copy of an official record placed on a publicly available Internet web site or on a publicly available Internet web site used by a register of deeds or clerk of court to display public records, any social security, driver's license, state identification, passport, checking account, savings account, credit card, or debit card number, or personal identification (PIN) code, or passwords contained in an official record. The request must be made in writing and delivered by mail, facsimile, or electronic transmission or in person, to the register of deeds or clerk of court. The request must specify the identification page number that contains the social security, driver's license, state identification, passport, checking account, savings account, credit card, debit card number, or personal identification (PIN) code, or passwords to be redacted.

There is no fee for the redaction pursuant to request.'