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Re: Filing False Documents (RSMo 570.095)

New Missouri legislation addresses false liens filed against law enforcement and other public officials. It requires Recorders to maintain a log of seemingly suspicious documents presented for recording. Additionally, it states that within two days of receiving such document, the Recorder must notify the County Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Law Enforcement Officer. Recording fees are waived for court orders stating a previous filing was false.

In light of new legislation, I strongly encourage all individuals to sign up for Property Fraud Alert. It is a free service offered through the Franklin County Recorder of Deeds Office. After registration, if a document is recorded in your name, you will be contacted via phone or email. If a suspicious document was recorded, it is important to contact the Recorder’s Office so we may begin proceedings to reverse fraudulent liens against those individuals outlined by the new law. To register for Property Fraud Alert, go to https://www.propertyfraudalert.com/

If you have questions regarding Property Fraud Alert or need assistance signing up, please contact the Franklin County Recorder of Deeds Office at (636)583-6367. We are eager and happy to help you protect against land fraud and similar fraudulent activity. Be informed! Be alert! Be notified!

Respectfully,
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