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ATTENTION

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.

Under Section 30-2-330 (C) SC Code of Laws- "A person preparing or filing a document for recordation or filing in the official records may not include a **social security, drivers license, state identification, passport, checking account, credit card, or debit card number or personal identification (PIN) code or passwords in the document**, unless expressly required by law. An individual has the 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, drivers 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, credit card, or debit card number or personal identification (PIN) code or passwords to be redacted. There is no fee for the redaction pursuant to request."

Section 30-2-340. Any affected individual may petition the court for an order directing compliance with this section. **LIABILITY MAY NOT ACCRUE TO A REGISTER OF DEEDS OR CLERK OF COURT OR TO HIS AGENTS FOR CLAIMS OR DAMAGES THAT ARISE FROM A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC RECORD.**