## RECORDER'S NOTES By Pamela Bacon Logan County Clerk and Recorder

## **RECORDING INFORMATION:**

The Logan County Clerk and Recorder's Office offers Fraud Guard Notification System free. Fraud Guard is a simple free way to <u>help</u> prevent you from being the victim of possible fraud. The Fraud Guard Notification System will give Logan County citizens an early warning of potential fraud being committed in their name and or address.

Logan County Clerk and Recorder Pamela Bacon acquired a grant to transition public records to a much more customer-friendly searching system called Self-Service. This system has an updated version of a notification system to help notify individuals of public records recorded against them called Fraud Guard.

<u>What is property fraud?</u> Property fraud is a growing white-collar crime where thieves record documents against your property in an effort to establish ownership for financial gain.

<u>How can I protect myself?</u> Be vigilant and subscribe to our free Fraud Guard Notification System.

<u>How does Fraud Guard Work?</u> The Fraud Guard Notification System makes it easy for you to be informed when documents are recorded using your name or property information, alerting you to potential cases of fraud records. The program sends an automated email (that you provide) alert detailing the recording in our office using your name and or property address. You then decide if the recording is legitimate or fraudulent and take the necessary actions.

<u>How can I sign up for Fraud Guard?</u> With email registration, user alerts can be configured based on first and last name, business name, and or address. Users must enter an email address and password to create a profile before gaining access to the Fraud Guard. To change alerts or unsubscribe enter the email address and password that you have already signed up with.

To start, go to https://logancounty.colorado.gov and go to elected officials tab- county clerk-online documents-enter online documents site- accept the disclaimer and click on fraud guard. Set up your account with username, password, and email. You will then receive an email to confirm your email. After you confirm your email, log in and set up your alert notifications.

Type as many names into the notification system as you need by clicking on redefine alerts.

• If it is an individual's name or trust in someone's name, place them in the following order: last name, first name, middle name.

• If it is a business name, use the exact name of the business. The office does not index documents using the word "the," so if a business starts with this leave it out.

If anything is recorded in Logan County Clerk & Recorders recording records, the user will receive an e-mail notification after the date of registration. The e-mail will notify users of the type of document and reception number. This will allow users to search for records quickly. The user then can purchase the document online or go into the office and purchase it.

Fraud Guard does not stop people from recording documents. However, being notified may help individuals know exactly what is happening in Logan County with their house and land and give advance warning if something is amiss. This free notification system is worth signing up for.

Logan County Clerk's Office will continue to expand and deliver great customer service options for citizens while being transparent, however mindful of your personal identifiable information.

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