

## **GREENE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE PUBLIC RECORDS**

Recent amendments to Ohio law requires the redaction of social security numbers and other personal information from public records maintained by public offices prior to making public records available for inspection or copying by the public.

These amendments were enacted by the Ohio General Assembly in response to reasonable concerns of possible identity-theft and/or other instances of the improper use of another person's personal information.

In order to prevent unauthorized disclosure of such personal information and at the same time continue the availability of otherwise public records as a convenient and beneficial service to the public, the Greene County Recorder is committed to satisfying these statutory requirements.

As a result, we are in the process of redacting social security numbers and other personal information from existing records. In order to do so, it is necessary that we temporarily suspend the availability of our public records via this medium.

It is difficult to estimate the time needed to properly protect the public's personal information as contained in already recorded documents. Our office is working *very diligently toward this end and we ask your patience and understanding* while we complete this process.

During this period of temporary suspension of our website images of public records, you may still inspect the documents by appearing in person at our offices. You may also communicate a public records request to our office by appearing in person or by mail, phone call, email.

If you have any concerns over any individual record(s) in the possession of our office, please contact the Recorder's Office at (937) 562-5270. If you have general questions or concerns relative to these amendments to the Ohio Revised code, please contact the Civil Division of the Greene County Prosecutor's Office at (937) 562-5669.

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