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If you are considering protecting your home address from being displayed in public records, please read on to ensure you are aware of the impact.

Florida's open government laws, Section 119.071 Florida Statutes, provide for public access of records unless specifically exempted by the Florida Legislature.

Effective July 1st, 2019, the definition of exempted "home address" has been expanded to include anything that may reveal the home address. This will include the physical and mailing address, parcel ID number, neighborhood name and lot number, legal property description, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive property information.

For protected address applicants, this means you, or anyone else, will no longer be able to:



- Access your protected property records online
- Receive protected parcel information via phone
- Receive unredacted records through the mail without a notarized release
- Have us provide property related data without a notarized release to:
 - Mortgage Companies
 - Title Insurance Companies
 - Realtors
 - Attorneys
 - Appraisers
 - Contractors
 - All Others

For our office to release any exempted information related to a protected address parcel, Section 119.071(4) Florida Statutes requires a release be signed in the presence of a notary. The release must specify the information to be released, the party who is authorized to receive the information and the method of delivery. A release form is available on our website at www.desotopa.com

For more information, please call, visit or go online. We are here to help you make an informed decision.

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