



## NOTICE REGARDING MALWARE

Due to the malware attack which has affected the availability the Register of Deeds Office ability to index recordings and make available for public review previously recorded documents, the Register wishes to make sure that the public is fully aware of those limitations as they seek to access the services of this Office, to include recording any new documents.

The Register of Deeds office has compiled a Temporary Index of documents physically recorded by her Office (to include those submitted via mail) since February 25, 2020, which will be brought current at the end of each business day and will be posted in the Register's Office at 8:00 am and 12:00 pm.

Physical copies of documents physically recorded since February 25, 2020, are present in the Register's office and available for review.

Physical copies of previously recorded instruments up through November 12, 1999, are present in the Register's office.

Electronic copies of recorded instruments up through January 28, 2020, are available from the North Carolina State Archives. They may be contacted at 919-814-6879.

No documents submitted via electronic filing to the Register of Deeds since February 25<sup>th</sup> are currently available for review, nor does the Office have a way to index them at this time.

No records of filings made in either physical form or via electronic filings, from January 29, 2020, through February 24, 2020, are available for review, nor are they in the Temporary Index.

### **Electronic filing is not currently available**

While the Register of Deeds hope that all services will be restored in the near future, until that time, it is imperative that the persons using the Office clearly understand the limitations present, and accept responsibility for proceeding before services are fully restored.

The Register of Deeds has an Acknowledgement and Release form which must accompany all new documents/transactions presented for recording, either in person, or via mail or FedEx. For transactions involving an attorney, such as real estate closing documents, the Acknowledgement should be completed by the attorney who is handling the transaction. For other individuals bringing in a document in for recordation, they should complete the Acknowledgement.

The Acknowledgement and Release must be signed before a notary and the Register of Deeds Office will provide that service without charge.

The Acknowledgement and Release has been shared with the members of the Durham County Bar, and is also available on the Durham County website (<https://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-f-z/register-of-deeds>), and at the Register of Deeds Office