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Register of Deeds Begins E-Recording of Land Records

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Register of Deeds Office announced a new innovation today. The office is now electronically recording (e-recording) land-record documents submitted by title companies, abstractors, banks and attorneys.

During a news conference in the Deed Vault at the Cumberland County Courthouse, Register of Deeds Lee Warren introduced the new service that will allow his office to accept deeds, deeds of trust, mortgages and other legal documents electronically.

Cumberland County is one of 26 counties in the state to offer electronic recording in the last two years, and 12 other counties have indicated they come on board in the next couple of years, said Ozie Stallworth, analyst and director of electronic notarization at the N.C. Secretary of State's office. Stallworth hailed the Register of Deeds office for the "pioneering" effort and mindset that brought this innovation to the county.

E-recording is the process of submitting, receiving and processing documents via the Internet that have traditionally been sent to the county by runner, express mail or courier service for recording. With this new service, Cumberland County will accept virtually all individual document types, as well as packages of multiple documents, Warren said.

Prior to going live with the service, the office conducted a test run in cooperation with the law firm of Hutchens Senter and Britton, and attorney Terry Hutchens said, "We know it works."

The Register of Deeds office is partnering with Simplifile and Greensboro-based Logan Systems on the project. Simplifile is the largest provider of e-recording services in the country.

"E-filing is just another example of an automation enhancement that benefits both the staff and the public," Warren said.

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