

DEED TAX CERTIFICATION

PER THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY TAX OFFICE:

Effective July 1, 2012, all delinquent ad valorem taxes are required to be paid prior to registering a deed transferring real property.

Tax Certification – On March 19, 2012, the Northampton County Board of Commissioners adopted by resolution to require the register of deeds NOT to accept any deed transferring real property for registration unless the county tax collector has certified that no delinquent ad valorem county taxes, ad valorem municipal taxes, or other taxes with which the collector is charged a lien on the property described in the deed.

*Prior to submitting deeds transferring real property for registration at the Northampton County Register of Deeds office, the following statement **MUST BE** included on the instrument:*

- **This certifies that there are no delinquent ad valorem real estate taxes, which the Northampton County Tax Collector is charged with collecting, that a lien on: PARCEL/PIN# _____ (Northampton County Office of Land Records). This is not a certification of the Northampton County Office of Land Records that the PIN # matches the deed description.**

Date

Tax Collector/Chief Tax Collector/Tax Assistant

*The PARCEL/PIN# **MUST** be typed or written in the **BY THE PRESENTER**. **Please note that the Tax Office/Register of Deeds staff WILL NOT write the Parcel/Pin # on any deed.***

EXCEPTION TO TAX CERTIFICATION: Pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, North Carolina General Statute 105-277.4 (a) notwithstanding the resolution, the register of deeds shall accept without certification a deed submitted for registration under the supervision of a closing attorney and containing the following statement on the deed:

- **“This instrument prepared by: _____, a licensed North Carolina attorney. Delinquent taxes, if any, are to be paid by the closing attorney to the county tax collector upon disbursement of closing proceeds.”**