# PROTECT PROST VALUABLE INVESTMENT



COUNTY CLERK
FORT BEND COUNTY TEXAS

# PROPERTY FRAUD

# What is it?

Property fraud is when an individual uses deceit to obtain financial gain, causing financial and legal damage to the rightful owner.

# How does it happen?

Fraud can happen in numerous ways, but the most common method is for a person to file a document which claims ownership of a property and uses it for their personal benefit without permission.

## Should I be concerned?

Mortgage fraud risk is up by nearly 17 percent in the most recent 12-month period, according to CoreLogic, a real estate data firm.

Additionally, the recent breach of a major credit agency puts more than 145 million Americans at risk for fraud.

### What can I do about it?

While there are many measures you can take to protect yourself, Fort Bend County Clerk Laura Richard is proud to announce Property Fraud Alert, a free notification service to the residents of Fort Bend County that will alert subscribers when their information is used in any property filing within the County Clerk's Office.

# PROPERTY FRAUD LERT

SUBSCRIBE FREE OF CHARGE: WWW.PROPERTYFRAUDALERT.COM/TXFORTBEND OR CALL THE PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT HOTLINE AT 1-844-746-9164.

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