

## How to record a sale contract with Henderson County

If you are buying a property in Wildewood by making payments to the owner, it is in your best interest to have that contract recorded with the county. It protects you and lists you as the owner under contract and allows you to request the homestead exemption on the property taxes. It also allows you to be the person who is regarded as the legal owner by Wildewood Owners Association so that you can vote in WOA elections or be eligible to server on the Board.

To record your contract:

1. You must have an original notarized document with the terms of the sale.
2. Take the document to the Henderson County Clerk's office at 125 N. Prairieville, Athens TX 903-675-6140 and ask to have it legally recorded. There is a fee of \$26 for the first page and \$4 for each page thereafter to record the document.
3. You can then take a copy of that filing to the mapping department at Henderson County Appraisal Districts at 1751 Enterprise in Athens. 903-675-9296. There you can ask to have a homestead exemption and possible other exemptions (such as disabled or senior if applicable) and have your taxes reduced. To have a homestead exemption, the address on your driver's license must match the address on the filing.