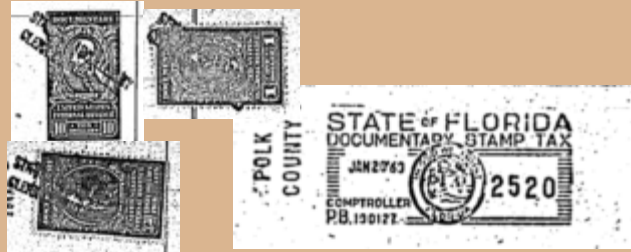


# Calculating Sale Price from the Deed Documentary Stamp Tax

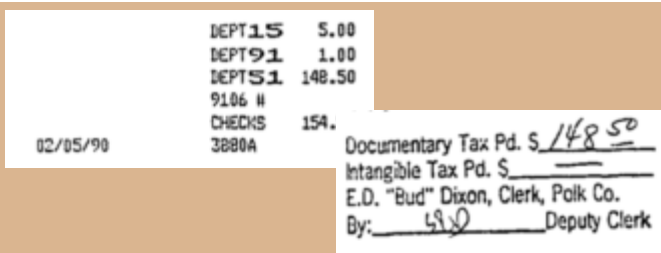
You can calculate the approximate sale price of property by using the documentary stamp tax posted on the deed. The following website will give you examples of how to perform the calculations:

<http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/tips/pdf/tip08b04-01.pdf>

The tax amount has changed throughout the years so you will need to note the date the document was recorded in order to find the appropriate tax amount.



In earlier years, the Clerk's office actually affixed stamps to the deed and would stamp the deed with the total tax paid. This example gives you an idea of what to look for on older deeds. This owner paid \$25.20 in tax.



Later, the Clerk's office started using a more modern method of noting the tax. DEPT51 is the documentary stamp tax amount. The Clerk also stamped and hand-wrote the amount on the deed. This owner paid \$148.50 in tax.

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This is an example of the current stamp, which actually states DEED DOC with the stamp amount indicated next to it. This owner paid \$504.00 in tax.

Using the information above and the documentary stamp tax chart, you should now be able to calculate the sale price on the recorded deeds.

Please keep in mind that if there is more than one parcel of property described on the deed, the amount of tax paid was for all the parcels— not just the one parcel you might be reviewing.

## DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX

November, 1931	\$ .10 PER \$100
July 1, 1957	\$ .20 PER \$100
July 1, 1963	\$ .30 PER \$100
October 1, 1979	\$ .40 PER \$100
July 1, 1981	\$ .45 PER \$100
July 1, 1985	\$ .50 PER \$100
July 1, 1987	\$ .55 PER \$100
June 1, 1991	\$ .60 PER \$100
August 1, 1992	\$ .70 PER \$100