



## News Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **The Town of Old Lyme is fighting back against property fraud by offering PropertyCheck™ powered by Cott Systems.**

**Town of Old Lyme – June 15, 2023 – Vicki Urbowicz, Town Clerk,** announced today that she has implemented Cott Systems' PropertyCheck™ in an invigorated effort to combat property and mortgage fraud in the **Town of Old Lyme**. This 24/7 service allows residents to sign up on the Cott Systems' RECORDhub™ website (<https://recordhub.cottsystems.com>) to receive notifications when official documents are recorded on their property. Residents can activate alerts based on their name. This is a free service to the citizens and property owners of **Old Lyme**.

WHAT IS PROPERTY FRAUD? Property fraud can occur if someone forges your identity, transfers your property into their name, and records the document. This fraudulent activity can make it appear as if that person owns your home or property - and you may not have any idea that this happened! It is, unfortunately, becoming more prevalent today as cyber criminals exploit every avenue they can to cause harm and steal from everyday citizens.

Cott System's PropertyCheck™ works seamlessly in the background of the Town of Old Lyme's records management RECORDhub software, automatically alerting on an enrolled record if a document with matching name is recorded. Property owners need to opt-in by creating a RECORDhub™ account, create alerts for their name and choose the preference of alerts – email or text message. “It's also a good idea to set up multiple alerts based on first, middle and last name variations and your spouse's name, to be sure that an alert will be triggered in case a recording happens with some kind of slight variation,” says Paul Fetters, the product Implementation Specialist at Cott Systems.

The Town of Old Lyme has partnered with Cott Systems to offer this no-cost solution, adding an additional layer of protection to records data and allowing residents to feel safer in their homes. Vicki Urbowicz, Town Clerk, explains, “it's an added level of protection that can bring peace of mind to our residents. I encourage them to sign up.”

To activate this benefit, residents of Old Lyme can simply sign up for **PropertyCheck™** alerts via the Town Clerk page on the Town's website [oldlyme@ct.gov](mailto:oldlyme@ct.gov).

#### **A Little About Cott Systems**

An innovator in records management for 135 years, Cott Systems empowers local government offices to improve efficiency, provide superior constituent service, and preserve the official records entrusted to their care. Decades of dedication make it possible for Cott Systems to provide all the services a local official needs to preserve and modernize the rich history of their jurisdiction. In addition to industry-leading software solutions, Cott Systems also offers traditional data and imaging services.