We are occasionally requested to provide the **Governing Documents** of HOAs and POAs in area neighborhoods. To be valid and enforceable, all such documents are now required by South Carolina law to be filed with the county in which the association is located. In this area these filings are done with the Recorder of Deeds. Finding a document takes a little bit of work.

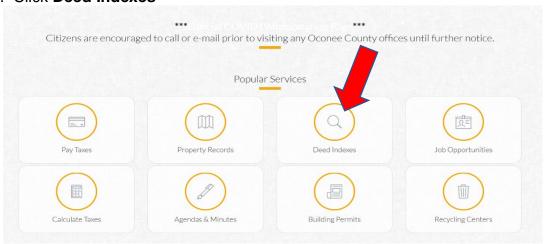
Register of Deeds websites for Anderson and Pickens

Anderson County: https://acpass.andersoncountysc.org/salmaind.cgi
Pickens County: https://www.pickensscrod.us/oncoreweb/Search.aspx

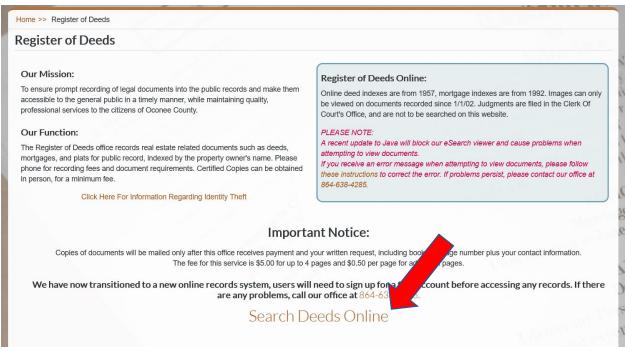
Oconee County Instructions:

1. Go to the Oconee County website (<u>www.oconeesc.com</u>).

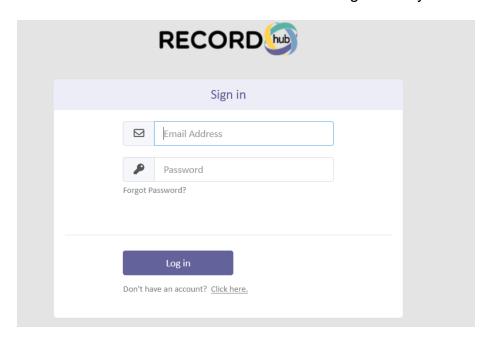
2. Click Deed Indexes



3. Click Search Deeds Online.



4. You'll have to create an account and then log in. Easy to do and free.



5. You'll be taken to the **Dashboard:Oconee.** Your name will appear in the upper right-hand corner (where you see the name of a MLCA Board member in this example). Click **Search Sites.**



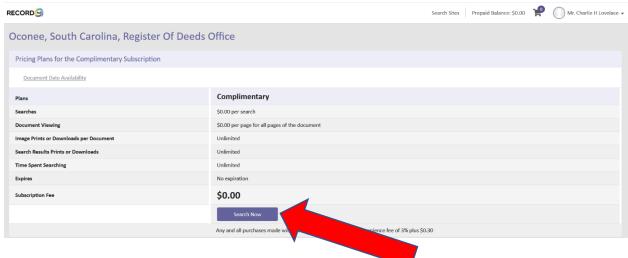
6. You'll be taken to the **Available Search Sites** page. Click **Oconee, SC – Subscribed.**



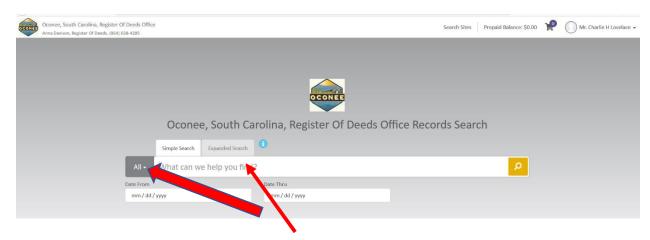
7. Click View Pricing Plans. Don't worry, it's free.



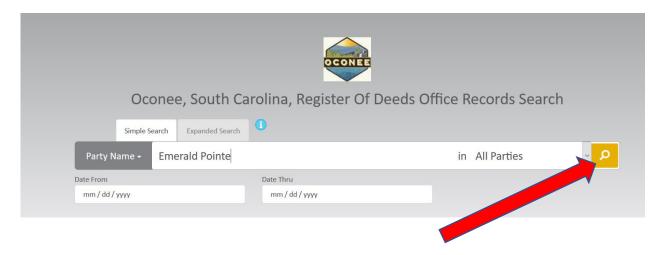
8. Click Search Now.



9. Click the down arrow next to **All** and select **Party Name.** Where it says, "**What can we help you find?**" type in the association name you are searching (this example uses Emerald Pointe). No need to type in dates.



10. Click the magnifying glass to start the search.



11. **IMPORTANT.** Start at the bottom of the list. That's where you'll find the most recent (and valid) documents. Look for Amend or Amendment for most associations. All amended documents had to be filed by January of 2019. If an association never amended any documents, the original filing date would have the valid copy, so you might just see **C/R** or **Bylaws**, and you'll probably have to scroll up to earlier dates to find it.

