

**Adverse Possession Claimant Acknowledgment  
(Florida Statute 95.18)**

**FILING ADVERSE POSSESSION ON A PARCEL WITH A RESIDENCE**

PARCEL#: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF ADVERSE POSSESSION CLAIM FORM: \_\_\_\_\_

ADVERSE POSSESSION CLAIMANT(S): \_\_\_\_\_

There are very few reasons to legally occupy and file adverse possession on a residence you do not own. Two of the most common reasons are:

- 1) You are an heir of the deceased owner and have not been able to probate their estate to change ownership to your name.
- 2) You own a partial interest in the property, legally occupy the residence, and are filing the claim against the other owners of the property.

Illegal entry into a home that is not owned by you, is always against the law. Whether the home is in foreclosure or not is not a consideration. The legal title holder still owns the home until the lending institution takes title through the foreclosure process.

The Martin County Property Appraiser takes these adverse possession claims on a parcel with a residence very seriously. If we cannot determine that you are either an heir or a partial interest owner of the property, your claim will be turned over to the Martin County Sheriff's Office for investigation and you could be arrested for trespassing, burglary, perjury, fraud, or theft.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE ADVERSE POSSESSION CLAIMANT**

**I/We have reviewed the above parcel number and certify that this is the same property on which I/we wish to file a Return of Real Property in Attempt to Establish Adverse Possession without Color of Title (Form DR-452) as described in Florida Statute 95.18.**

**By signing this form, I attest to the fact that I have been informed by the Martin County Property Appraiser's office that I could face arrest by law enforcement due to my occupation of a residence to which I have no legal claim.**

Signature of Adverse Possession Claimant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PROPERTY APPRAISER**

This document received in the office of the Martin County Property Appraiser for the purpose of advising an adverse possession claimant of possible consequences of occupying a residence without a legal claim.

Martin County Property Appraiser \_\_\_\_\_

Property Appraiser/Deputy: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this signed acknowledgment to Attn.: Ownership Dept. at the Stuart Main Office listed below:

Hobe Sound Office  
11726 SE Federal Highway  
Hobe Sound, FL 33455  
772-546-1309

Stuart Main Office  
3473 SE Willoughby Blvd, Suite 101  
Stuart, FL 34994  
772-288-5608

Indiantown Office  
16550 Warfield Blvd  
Indiantown, FL 34956  
Call for office hours 772-288-5608