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Franklin County Recorder Launches New Online Cloud-Based Search Engine

The Franklin County Recorder's Office's new Vanguard Search by GovOS, Inc. upgrades users' search experience with increased speed and enhanced search tools that utilize OCR technology.

Columbus, OH – The Franklin County Recorder's Office is launching a new cloud-based search engine, Vanguard Search by GovOS, Inc., which will provide faster results and enhanced search functions for users of the agency's digital public records database. The new engine also allows users to search for specific words and phrases contained in the record through its use of OCR technology, which scans the actual text of the document to retrieve results.

The new cloud-based search program will be available to the public later this year on the Franklin County Recorder's Website (<https://recorder.franklincountyohio.gov/>) alongside the existing CountyFusion search software. The addition of the Vanguard Search is part of the Franklin County Recorder's ongoing efforts to increase accessibility of public records through digitization. Live training sessions for the new search were held via Zoom on Tuesday, October 18 and Thursday, October 20, and were hosted by the Franklin County Recorder's Office and Eric Fulton, the Professional Services Training Lead with GovOS, Inc.

"We want to make sure our office keeps up with the times and is always improving our record keeping technology," said Franklin County Recorder Daniel J. O'Connor, Jr., who is in his second term. **"Our new search engine increases accessibility to more than 11 million of our public records by allowing users to search for specific words or phrases included in documents – something that simply can't be done just by browsing our physical records room."**

The new program also provides a more streamlined experience with a singular search field, similar to that of Google or Bing, which allows searchers to input multiple forms of criteria at once. Users can also open tabs within the program to have more than one ongoing search at a time. Public document images will continue to be free to download after users register for an account with the Vanguard Search. Registered users will also have access to GovOS cloud-based searches in other Ohio counties.

The Mission of the Franklin County Recorder's Office is to record, preserve, protect, and retrieve real estate, personal property, and other records for the public so their property interests are safeguarded, and so those records can be efficiently retrieved. Functions and fee structures for the County Recorders' Offices are set by the Ohio Revised Code. GovOS, Inc. is the leading provider of digital transformation solutions for local governments and is the provider for the original CountyFusion search engine used by Franklin County.

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