

How to Read a Legal Description Card

- Start with the Lot column. (A) Be sure to note off to the far left on the same line, any limited portion of a lot. In this case, the lots would read the East ½ of Lot 1212, Lot 1213.
- Next is the legal description block. (B) In this example it is block 5. Note that some legals do not have block numbers.
- Then comes the subdivision. (C) In this example, it is in Woodlawn Heights Unit #3.
- Finally, we add the Section, Township and Range for this subdivision. (D) In this example it is Section 23. After the township number, which in this example is Township 41, always add the word "North." After the Range number, here it's Range 9, always add the phrase "East of the third principal Meridian."

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AREA	SUB-AREA	BLOCK	PARCEL	UNIT	WARRANT	CODE

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PERMANENT REAL ESTATE INDEX NUMBER AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION

VOLUME

060

TAX CODE

18023

AREA SUB-AREA BLOCK PARCEL UNIT

06- 23- 208- 059

(C) → WOODLAWN HGTS UNIT #3
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SEC.	TOWN	RANGE	LOT	SUB-LOT	LOT	BLOCK
23	41	9			1212	5
					1213	
					(A)	(B)

The Legal Description is interpreted as follows:

- (A) The East ½ of lot 1212, Lot 1213
- (B) in block 5
- (C) in Woodlawn Heights Unit #3
- (D) in Section 23, Township 41 North, Range 9 East of the third Principal Meridian