

How to Read a Legal Description Card

06	23	208	059		060	18023
AREA	SUB-AREA	BLOCK	PARCEL	UNIT	WARRANT	CODE

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 PERMANENT REAL ESTATE INDEX NUMBER AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION

VOLUME
060
TAX CODE
18023

AREA SUB-AREA BLOCK PARCEL UNIT
06- 23- 208- 059

1980 DIVISION

Block 208 Parcel 039

WOODLAWN HGTS UNIT #3 ← (C) (D) →

SEC.	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	LOT	SUB-LOT	LOT	BLOCK
23	41	9			1212) 1213)	5

↑ (A) ↑ (B)

The legal description for the card above would read:

The East 1/2 of Lot 1212 and Lot 1213 in Block 5 in Woodlawn Heights #3 in Section 23, Township 41 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian

Start with the LOT Column (A) (In this Example: **the East 1/2 of Lot 1212 and Lot 1213**)

Next is the BLOCK Column (B) (In this Example: **Block 5**)

Next is the SUBDIVISION NAME (C) (In this Example: **Woodlawn Heights #3**)

Finally, add the SECTION, TOWNSHIP, and RANGE (D)

The **Section** in this Example is **23**

After the **Township** number (in this Example: **41**) always add the word "**North**"

After the **Range** number (in this Example: **9**) always add the phrase "**East of the Third Principal Meridian**"

Common Abbreviations and their Meanings:

AC Acre(s)	DOC Document	REC Recorded
ADD Addition	ELEV Elevation	RESUB Resubdivision
ADJ Adjoining	EX Except	RNG Range
ALG Along	EXT Extended	ROW Right Of Way
BEG Beginning	LN Line	R/W Right Of Way
CCD Chicago City Datum	LT Lot	SD Said
C/L Center Line	MEAS Measured	SEC Section or Seconds
COM Commencing	MIN Minutes	SUB Subdivision
CONT Continuing	MOL More or Less	TAN Tangent or Tangency
COR Corner	POB Point Of Beginning	TH Thence
DAF Described As Follows	POC Point Of Commencement	TWP Township
DED Dedicated	PT Part or Point	VAC Vacate
DEG Degrees	R/A Right Angles	
DIV Division	RAD Radius	