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FEDERAL PASSPORT FEES INCREASING TUESDAY

City Clerk del Valle urges Chicagoans to apply now for passport at any City Clerk office

Chicago, IL (July 9, 2010) – On Tuesday, July 13, the U.S. State Department is implementing a fee hike for all U.S. passports and passport cards. The City Clerk execution fee, standard for all passport acceptance sites, remains the same at \$25.

Passport fees vary for regular service, which take on average four to six weeks, or expedited process, which takes approximately three to four weeks. Regular service fees are \$110 for adults and \$80 for children under age 16. Expedited processing is \$170 for adults and \$140 for children. In addition, expedited process has the option of an express mailing charge of \$14.96. Passport cards can only be used to enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry and are not valid for air travel. The card, also available the City Clerk's City Hall and satellite offices, is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children.

The passport fee must be in the form of a money order or check made payable to the U.S. Department of State. There is a separate \$25 execution fee that can be paid in cash, check or money order payable to the City Clerk.

Complete U.S. passport services, including photo services for adults and children ages 5 and older, are available at Clerk del Valle's City Hall office at 121 N. LaSalle, Room 107 or, beginning August 1, at the City Clerk Satellite offices at 5674 S. Archer Ave. on the southwest side or 5430 W. Gale St. on the northwest side. To apply for a U.S. Passport for the first time, each applicant must appear in person at an official passport acceptance facility with proof of U.S. citizenship, two passport-specific photos and a valid form of photo ID such as a driver's license or state ID.

All U.S. citizens entering the country by land or sea must present a passport or passport card that shows their name and proof of citizenship. Passport and passport card applications are available at all City Clerk offices.

For more information about accepted forms of ID, passport photo requirements and a link to the passport section of the U.S. Department of State's website, please visit www.ChiCityClerk.com.

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About City Clerk del Valle

Miguel del Valle was elected as Clerk of the City of Chicago in 2007. City Clerk del Valle's office is responsible for maintaining official city government records, distributing approximately 1.3 million vehicle stickers and residential parking permits, and issuing city business licenses. City Clerk del Valle is bringing more efficiency and visibility to City Clerk services by providing greater access to public records, including web casting of City Council meetings, expanding community outreach programs, modernizing operations to expedite the sale of dog registrations, city stickers and residential parking. For more information, please visit www.ChiCityClerk.com.



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