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MIGUEL DEL VALLE, CITY CLERK

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**City Clerk Miguel del Valle
Offers New Low Cost Passport Card**

Passport Card Applications Available at City Clerk del Valle's Offices

City Clerk Miguel del Valle alerts travelers that the U.S. Department of State is accepting applications for the new U.S. Passport Card for U.S. citizens traveling from land or sea ports-of-entry from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. While holding the same rights and privileges of the U.S. Passport Book, **the U.S. Passport Card may not be used to travel by air.**

"The U.S. Passport Card provides a lower cost alternative to the U.S. Passport Book for people who travel by land and sea from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean region and Bermuda," said City Clerk Miguel del Valle. He also noted that the card has the same ten year validity period as the U.S. Passport Book.

While applications for the U.S. Passport Card are being accepted, the cards are not expected to be mailed to applicants until spring 2008 according to the U.S. Department of State.

To apply for a U.S. Passport Book or Card 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 photo identification such as a valid driver's license or state id. U.S. Passport services are available at the following City Clerk del Valle office locations:

City Clerk del Valle's Office

City Hall
121 N. LaSalle St., Room 107
Phone: (312) 744-2020
Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

City Clerk del Valle's Satellite Offices

5430 W. Gale St., Phone: (312) 742-5318
5301 S. Cicero Ave., Phone: (312) 745-1100
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In addition to the new U.S. Passport Card, the U.S. Department of State set new fees for the U.S. Passport Book:

U.S. Passport Book

Regular Processing (6 weeks)
Adults (Age 16 & older).....\$75
Children (under 16).....\$60

U.S. Passport Book

Expedited Processing (2-3 weeks)
Adults (Ages 16 & older)....\$135
Children (under 16).....\$120

U.S. Passport Card

Adults (Age 16 & older)....\$45
Children (under 16).....\$35
Renewals.....\$20



The passport fee must be in the form of a money order or check payable to U.S. Department of State. Additionally, at passport acceptance facilities there is a standard \$25 execution fee. At our office, this fee can be paid in cash, check or money order payable to the City Clerk. For more information about acceptable forms of ID, passport photo requirements and a link to the Passport section of the U.S. Department of State's website, please visit City Clerk del Valle's website at 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, issuing city licenses, and distributing approximately 1.3 million vehicle stickers. 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, modernizing operations to expedite the sale of dog registration and city stickers.