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US Dept. of State Announces Passport Fee Increase

Hudson, NY – Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner is notifying residents in need of a passport or passport card that the US Dept. of State announced that fees will be increasing starting July 13, 2010. “The increase is quite substantial, so I would encourage those needing a passport to visit the Clerk’s office at 560 Warren Street prior to July 13, if they can”, stated Tanner.

The current pricing for new passports for adults 16 and over is \$100; effective July 13 that price will go to \$135. For minors under 16, the current price is \$85 and the new price after July 13 will be \$105. Those prices also do not include the photo fees, which are \$10 at the Clerk’s office. The fees for passport cards are also increasing, from \$45 to \$55 total, and for minors from \$35 to \$40, including the acceptance fees. Passport cards are not valid for airline travel warns Tanner. Passport renewals will also increase from \$75 to \$110 for the book and \$30 for the card, up from \$20.

“The US Dept of State is the federal agency responsible for United States Passports and the related fees and forms, stated Tanner, and we have no control over any changes that they make. We were told that we would get “ample” notification”, of at least a month, prior to the fee increases, which I guess means 13 days.”

Starting July 13 through the end of the month, Tanner will run a special on Passport photo’s – two family members for the price of one, with the mention of this article. “I encourage people to utilize this office for their passport and passport photo needs because it helps generate revenue for the county and therefore helps keep the tax base low,” stated Tanner.

U.S. citizens can visit www.travel.state.gov to find complete passport information about what is needed to apply for a passport, as well as the application fees and processing times. U.S. citizens may also call the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778. The Columbia County Clerk’s office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:45 p.m.; the DMV is open the same hours, except they are open until 6:45 p.m. on Thursdays. “The same **buy local** theme rings true for the DMV as well – support your local DMV and keep 12.7% of your DMV fees local by coming in to 560 Warren St., mailing to the same address or utilizing our drop box for after hour renewals”, stated Tanner.