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NEW PASSPORT FEES, EFFECTIVE JULY 13, 2010

Edinburg, Texas – The US Department of State has published its new passport fees for the U.S. Passport Book, the U.S. Passport Card, and other passport services, which will take effect on **Tuesday, July 13, 2010**. The schedule of new fees for passport application services is attached for review.

“Despite passport fee increases, the district clerk office will continue to provide the public with convenient, complete, customer-friendly passport services,” said Laura Hinojosa, Hidalgo County District Clerk. “I encourage the public to visit our office to process their passport applications, if possible prior to the effective fee increase date.”

According to the US Department of State, passport application fees are not only used to cover the costs of producing a U.S. Passport, but also cover the costs of providing emergency services for American citizens overseas in crisis situations, helping Americans who have been the victims of crime while traveling or living abroad, and providing support to the families of American citizens who have died overseas. Passport application fees also enable the US Department of State to keep up with technology and implement fraud prevention initiatives to protect the United States passport, in addition to funding the expansion of passport infrastructure and services.

For more information regarding passports and a full list of adjusted fees, log on to www.travel.state.gov. A notice of the passport fee increase can also be found at www.co.hidalgo.tx.us.

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Passport Services
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IMPORTANT NOTICE
to
PASSPORT APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE AGENTS

NEW PASSPORT FEES, EFFECTIVE JULY 13

PLEASE POST THIS NOTICE IN PLAIN VIEW OF ALL ACCEPTANCE AGENTS

The schedule of new fees, effective July 13, 2010, for passport application services is as follows:

U.S. Passport Book for First Time Applicants and Minors			
	Passport Fee Payable to Department of State	Acceptance Fee Payable to Acceptance Facility	Total First-Time Applicant Fee
Adults (age 16 and over)	\$110	\$25	\$135
Minors (under age 16)	\$80	\$25	\$105
U.S. Passport Card for First Time Applicants and Minors			
	Passport Fee Payable to Department of State	Acceptance Fee Payable to Acceptance Facility	Total First-Time Applicant Fee
Adults (age 16 and over)	\$30	\$25	\$55
Minors (under age 16)	\$15	\$25	\$40
Other Service Fees			
Additional Visa Pages		\$82	
File Search Fee		\$150	
Expedite Processing		\$60	

The passport fees for adults eligible to apply by mail using form DS-82, "Application for a U.S. Passport by Mail", are \$110 for the passport **book** and \$30 for the passport **card**.