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New Passport Service Offered

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department will accept applications beginning Feb. 1 for the new U.S. Passport Card, a wallet-sized, limited-use passport that can be used for land and sea travelers between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda.

Travelers with the new Passport Card—which will be mailed to applicants beginning this spring—can use the Card without having to present other forms of identification. Beginning Thursday, those traveling by land and sea to the above locations must present a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, plus additional proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate.

Anyone traveling by air is still required by law to present the traditional U.S. Passport Book to enter or re-enter the United States.

If you need a passport, don't risk a delay that could affect your 2008 travel plans. It's easy to apply. Normal processing time, including review and approval by the U.S. State Department, is approximately 4-6 weeks. The fee for a Passport Card is \$45.00; the fee for a Passport Book is \$100.

Passport applications are processed between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana, 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Room 202. The service is for new passport applicants only, not for renewals.

No appointments are necessary. As an added convenience, applicants may purchase passport photos from the Clerk-Recorder Department. The fee is \$15.00 for two photos. Applicants may also furnish their own photos.

Passport application forms and complete information, including requirements, can be found at www.ocrecorder.com. To speak with a Passport Acceptance Agent, call (714) 834-2500.

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder provides a variety of public services, including recording real-property transaction documents; maintaining and issuing copies of birth, death and marriage certificates; issuing marriage licenses and performing civil wedding ceremonies. The department files Fictitious Business Names and Notary Public oaths and bonds, as well as overseeing the Orange County Archives, a center for historical materials, research and education preserving Orange County history for the public.