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Service Changes at Anoka County License Centers

A new U.S. State Department rule designed to curb passport fraud and identity theft has prompted changes at Anoka County's five license centers. The new rule prohibits offices that have access to birth and death records from accepting passport applications or first-time driver's licenses, first-time instructional permits, or first-time applications for a state identification card. (A driver's license, instructional or learner's permit, or state ID card is regarded as "first time" if the person presenting the application does not have a photo in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety database.)

As a result, the Columbia Heights and Coon Rapids License Centers will continue to process applications for birth/death certificates and first-time driver's licenses, first-time instructional permits, and first-time state ID cards but will no longer accept passport applications.

The Blaine, Ham Lake, and Ramsey License Center locations will accept passport applications but cannot process applications for birth/death certificates and first-time driver's licenses, first-time instructional permits, or first-time state ID cards.

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All license centers will continue to accept applications for the **renewal** of driver's licenses, instructional permits, and state ID cards.

Birth/death records also are available at the Vital Statistics Office, located in Room 120 of the Anoka County Government Center in Anoka. The Vital Statistics Office is open weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Anoka County License Centers are open weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. except Tuesday when they are open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information, go to www.anokacounty.us/license.

Anoka County License Centers

Ramsey License Center
(Located in Ramsey City Hall)
7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Suite A, Ramsey
763-576-5777

Blaine License Center
10995 Club West Parkway, Suite 700, Blaine
763-767-3888

Columbia Heights License Center
3982 Central Ave. N.E., Columbia Heights
763-789-7202

Coon Rapids License Center
455 99th Ave. NW, Suite 100, Coon Rapids
763-785-5999

Ham Lake License Center
17565 Central Ave. NE - #330, Ham Lake
763-413-9717