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Milwaukee County Clerk Czarnezki to Offer Free Passport Photos on March 26th *Passport fee increase to take effect soon*

Milwaukee County Clerk Joe Czarnezki is offering free passport photos to Milwaukee County residents on Friday, March 26, 2010. Czarnezki's office will take passport photos free of charge for all Milwaukee County residents who submit a passport application in the County Clerk's office, Room 105 of the County Courthouse, Friday, March 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Non-Milwaukee County residents can download a coupon for \$1.00 off their passport photos from the County Clerk's web site at: www.county.milwaukee.gov/CountyClerk.

"The U.S. Department of State is planning to increase passport fees by as much as \$35 in the very near future," Czarnezki said.

U.S. citizens must now present a passport book or passport card approved by the U.S. government to enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry.

"If you are planning a trip to a destination where a passport is required, I suggest saving some money by applying for your passport before the fee increase and taking advantage of our free photo offer," Czarnezki said.

The County Clerk accepts passport applications from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Passport application forms are available in the County Clerk's office or may be downloaded from the U.S. Department of State website at: travel.state.gov/passport.

Passport applicants must bring in a certified birth certificate and a valid government issued photo identification card, such as a driver's license. The cost of a passport for adults (persons 16 years of age and older) is \$100.00. The cost of a passport for a child under the age of 16 is \$85.00. Passport photos are available at a cost of \$10.00, but will be offered free of charge to Milwaukee County residents on Friday, March 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 pm. Non-Milwaukee County residents can download a coupon for \$1.00 off their passport photos from the County Clerk's web site at: county.milwaukee.gov/CountyClerk.

"The U. S. Department of State has notified passport acceptance facilities that the likely passport fee increase for adults will be from \$100 to \$135, and from \$85 to \$105 for children," Czarnezki said.

Additional information on the cost and how to apply for a passport is available from the U.S. Department of State at travel.state.gov/passport, on the County Clerk's website at county.milwaukee.gov/CountyClerk or by calling 414-278-4067.

Passport information is available by telephone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.