

CITY OF DALLAS VITAL STATISTICS OFFICE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON FEE INCREASES
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2005

1. Why are your fees going up?

The Texas Department of State Health Services has increased their fees. As required by Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 191.0045 local registrars including the City of Dallas Vital Statistics must charge the same fee as charged by the state office. In addition to the standard fees the local registrar's office collects an additional \$1.00 for the preservation of vital statistic records under Texas Health and Safety Code 191.004 (h).

2. When will the new fees take effect?

The new fees will take effect December 1, 2005.

3. My baby was born before December 1, 2005. Do I still have to pay the new fees?

Yes, all birth certificates issued on or after December 1, 2005 will be at the new rate.

4. I need more than one copy of my baby's birth certificate; what is the cost?

The cost on or after December 1, 2005, is \$23.00 per birth certificate issued.

5. Can I use the old application to request my baby's birth certificate?

Yes, include the new fee amount if submitting on or after December 1, 2005.

6. I need several copies of a death certificate, what is the cost?

On or after December 1, 2005, the cost is \$ 21.00 for the first copy and \$ 4.00 for each additional copy if requested at the same time.

7. I would like to request my baby's birth certificate in person, how long is the wait?

During normal operating periods the standard wait time is less than 10 minutes.

8. I was born in Texas but not in the City of Dallas. Can I request my birth certificate from your office?

Yes, we issue birth certificates for anyone born in the state of Texas, from 1926-present, excluding delayed records, which are those filed one year or more after the actual date of birth.

9. Where is your office located and what are the hours of operation?

Our office is located in the Dallas City Hall building, 1500 Marilla, First Floor, 1-FN, Dallas, Texas, 75201. We're open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

10. Can I request a birth or death record online?

Yes, please visit us online at www.dallascityhall.com (select the Birth Certificates link under Request...)