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WELCOME

Newsletter - December 2021

Thank you for your interest in the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department's newsletter. We will be bringing you periodic updates on the latest news, information and events affecting the department. I am honored and privileged to serve as your County Clerk-Recorder. Please contact my office at (714) 834-2500 or visit us at OCRecorder.com for more information about the department and the services provided to the public.

Sincerely,

*Hugh Nguyen
County Clerk-Recorder*

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ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

CALL CENTER

**WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS
MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 8 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.**

(714) 834 - 2500

Pursuant to Health and Safety Codes 103625 and 100425, effective **January 1, 2022**, the fees for a certified copy of a Birth, Death, and Marriage certificate will increase.

VITAL RECORDS NEW FEES

Effective January 1, 2022

Birth Certificate	\$32.00
Death Certificate	\$24.00
Marriage Certificate	\$17.00

VITAL RECORDS FEES TO INCREASE DUE TO STATE MANDATE

Pursuant to Health and Safety Codes 103625 and 100425, effective January 1, 2022, the fees for a copy of a Birth, Death, and Marriage certificate will increase to \$32.00, \$24.00, and \$17.00 respectively. This increase is state mandated and is in response to requirements set by AB 128, the California State Budget Act of 2021.

PASSPORT BOOK FEES INCREASE AS OF DECEMBER 27

On December 27, 2021, the fees charged by the U.S. Department of State for passport books will increase by \$20. Passport books now cost \$130 for adults over 16 and \$100 for minors 16 and under. The fee for a passport card, as well as Clerk-Recorder department fees for application processing and passport photos will remain unchanged.

PASSPORT FEES

Passport Application Fees and Processing Fees are **paid separately**.

Passport application fees are paid to the U.S. Department of State with a check or money order only.

Processing and passport photo fees **must be paid to the Clerk-Recorder Department** with any form of payment – check, cash, and credit/debit card.

Adult Applicants (Age 16 Years and Older)

	Passport Application Fee	Processing Fee
Passport Book	\$130 This fee is paid to U.S. Department of State with a check or money order only.	\$35 Paid separately to Clerk-Recorder Department with any form of payment.
Passport Card <i>A passport card is valid only for travel by land and sea to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean.</i>	\$30 This fee is paid to U.S. Department of State with a check or money order only.	\$35 Paid separately to Clerk-Recorder Department with any form of payment.
Passport Book and Card	\$160 This fee is paid to U.S. Department of State with a check or money order only.	\$35 Paid separately to Clerk-Recorder Department with any form of payment.

Passport Renewals – The Clerk-Recorder Department does not process renewals. For information on how to renew your passport, please visit the U.S. Department of State's website at www.travel.state.gov

Minor Applicants (Under Age 16)

	Passport Application Fee	Processing Fee
Passport Book	\$100 This fee is paid to U.S. Department of State with a check or money order only.	\$35 Paid separately to Clerk-Recorder Department with any form of payment.
Passport Card <i>A passport card is valid only for travel by land and sea to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean.</i>	\$15 This fee is paid to U.S. Department of State with a check or money order only.	\$35 Paid separately to Clerk-Recorder Department with any form of payment.
Passport Book and Card	\$115 This fee is paid to U.S. Department of State with a check or money order only.	\$35 Paid separately to Clerk-Recorder Department with any form of payment.

Other Fees

Expedite Fee	Paid per application, in addition to application fee. Provides faster processing than routine service. Fee is paid with a check or money order payable to the U.S. Department of State as part of the passport application fee if requested. This fee is subject to change without notice.	\$60
Passport Photos	This fee is paid separately to the Clerk-Recorder Department with any form of payment.	\$10

Interested in getting a passport?



ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER DEPARTMENT

PASSPORT SERVICES

**Available By Appointment Only @
Two Convenient Locations**



**North County Branch Office
Wells Fargo Building
222 S. Harbor Blvd., Ste. 110
Anaheim, CA 92805**

**Available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday - Friday**



**Old County Courthouse
Downtown Santa Ana
211 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Room 201
Santa Ana, CA 92701**

**Available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday - Friday**

- *Only new passport applications will be accepted.*
- *No renewal applications will be accepted by our office.*
- *Passport processing times by the U.S. Department of State can take up to 11 weeks from the date of acceptance by our office. Please plan your travel accordingly.*
- *Must complete your application online prior to visiting our office.*
- *Must bring completed hard copy application to appointment.*

For more information and to make an appointment visit:



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During the month of December:



On December 3, my team attended the graduation ceremony for Advance Beauty College to congratulate the students, instructors, and the founding family on their completion of the Fall 2021 class. We wish the graduating class all the best as we are excited to see what the future has in store for each and every one of them.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



Orange County Clerk-Recorder *Employee of the Month*



Congratulations!
Rathanakh Thach

Dedicated to Providing Excellent Customer Service

Each month we recognize an employee who goes above and beyond their normal duties and offers excellent service to our customers. The Employee of the Month receives a certificate of recognition, has their name placed on a recognition plaque and may dress casual during their month of recognition.

It gives me great pleasure to announce Rathanak Thach as the Employee of the Month for December.

Rathanakh handles a large volume of incoming and outgoing mail and always ensures that the department's mailroom runs efficiently on a daily basis. He takes pride in his work, and it shows by how neat and organized he keeps the mailroom despite having to document and process every piece of mail received by the department in a timely manner. He completes his assignments in an astounding, short amount of time with minimal supervision.

In addition to his daily mailroom duties, Rathanak has taken the initiative to take on the distribution of the incoming/outgoing mail to the department's numerous units. He also took on the task of writing and completing very detailed procedures and has been entrusted to train several staff members to ensure that the mailroom is always covered and running efficiently. His strong work ethic and diligent work makes him someone we can rely on to get the job done. Rathanak is always professional with his colleagues, senior management and with the countless courier personnel that he interacts with daily. He understands the importance of completing his daily assignments and goes above and beyond every day to ensure that the mailroom runs at peak performance.

Please join me in congratulating Rathanak on his achievement!

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2021 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Lan and Jorge for receiving our Employee of the Year awards for 2021. Both Lan and Jorge have shown unparalleled dedication to serving the public and helping their fellow coworkers over the past year. Their willingness to be flexible during uncertain times while still taking on any challenges that come their way is very impressive and serves as an example to the rest of the department. Thank you for your great work!

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Congratulations to Zafar on your retirement! Thank you for your 23 years of dedicated service to the County of Orange, and the many years spent as our IT manager. Your admirable work ethic and level headed demeanor always ensured high quality work and that our challenges were met with success. I hope you have a very fulfilling retirement with good health and happiness for many years to come.

CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

One of our customers wrote the following note for Richard at our North County office. Thank you for your commitment to courteous service!

Dec. 6, 2021

To whom it may concern,

Your thoughtfulness
is so appreciated.

I'm so sorry I forgot
your name but Roger and
I want to thank you for
your patience, and
kindness when we came
in to get our marriage
license a few weeks ago.
We are the seniors that
are 75 and 83 and we
both have been single
20 & over 50 years.

DECEMBER IN O.C. HISTORY



El Modena Grammar School, at Chapman Ave. and Alameda St.

(Courtesy of the OC Archives)

- Dec. 6, 1994** The County of Orange declared Chapter 9 bankruptcy.
- Dec. 7, 2004** Silver Bullet roller-coaster opens at Knott's Berry Farm, replacing the Church of the Reflections, the "Original" Berry Stand, the Little Chapel By The Lake, and other attractions.
- Dec. 18, 1886** The tract map for Modena City (now El Modena) is drawn by John T. Halsted, Civil Engineer.
- Dec. 19, 1888** The *Orange News* is founded by James Fullerton. After William O. Hart and Justus Craemer purchased the *News* in 1909, it would grow into one of the largest newspapers in Orange County.
- Dec. 26, 1922** The Huntington Beach City Council finally shut off water to all public horse troughs, except one at the pier and one at Walnut and Main.

Historical facts provided by Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen.

Photo: Courtesy of the Orange County Archives.

Courtesy of the Orange County Archives, a function under the Office of Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen.

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OUT AND ABOUT



One of my staff took this photo of a waterfall surrounded by natural hot springs at Las Grutas de Tolantongo in Hidalgo, Mexico.

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