

## Press Release

### **Passport Fees to Increase on July 13, 2010**

U.S. citizens who plan to apply for a United States Passport in the near future may want to do so before Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> to avoid a fee increase that will go into effect on that date.

Dwight Brock stated “I want the public to know about this fee increase in advance because an additional \$35.00 means a lot to a lot of people these days.”

The Clerk of Courts Office is an official passport acceptance agency for the U. S. Department of State and in that capacity the clerk’s staff assists citizens by reviewing and mailing their passport applications and required documents.

First time passport book applicants will be charged \$110.00 plus a \$25.00 execution fee, bringing the total to \$135.00, up from \$100.00. Renewals will go up to \$110.00 from the current \$75.00 charge.

Passport cards, which are only good for travel by land and sea in certain areas, will cost \$30.00 plus a \$25.00 acceptance fee for first time applicants over the age of 16 years old. In addition, passport card renewals will increase to \$30.00 from \$20.00, and minors will now pay \$40.00, up from \$35.00.

Passport information and applications are available at all Clerk of Courts’ offices and at [www.CollierClerk.com](http://www.CollierClerk.com) or citizens can visit the U.S. Department of State website [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)

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