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### **U.S. State Department to Raise Passport Execution Fee**

FREEHOLD, NJ – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is advising Monmouth County residents that the U.S. Department of State is raising the Passport Execution Fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00 on April 2.

The fee is mandated by the U.S. Department of State and applies to passport applications that are submitted in-person to an authorized agent, including a County Clerk, U.S. Post Office or other government office. Passport applications submitted to the U.S. Department of State by mail are not subject to the fee increase.

“The April 2 fee increase provides an additional incentive to obtain or update a passport now,” said Clerk Hanlon. “By completing passport transactions at this time of year, Monmouth County residents can not only save money, but they can avoid the last-minute rush of the busy spring travel season.”

The Monmouth County Clerk’s Office provides three convenient locations for submitting passport applications, in Freehold, Neptune and Eatontown. The Neptune location provides evening and weekend hours.

The Freehold Passport Office at the Monmouth County Clerk’s Office is located in the Market Yard Parking Lot (south of Main Street) at 33 Mechanic Street in Freehold Borough. The hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Monmouth County Connection is located at 3544 Route 66 (near Home Depot) in

Neptune. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. The Mobile County Connection is located in the Monmouth Mall at 180 Route 35 in Eatontown. Open on the first Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Mobile County Connection is on the upper level of the mall, adjacent to Boscov's.

For more information, please call the Freehold Passport Office at 732-431-7324 or Monmouth County Connection at 732-303-2828, or visit [www.MonmouthCountyClerk.com](http://www.MonmouthCountyClerk.com).

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