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**973-225-3690**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PASSPORT CUSTOMERS**

The Passaic County Clerk’s Office will continue to accept passport applications from customers during the Federal Government Shutdown. The U.S. Department of State will continue passport and visa operations as well as provide critical services to U.S. citizens overseas during this time.

Processing times for passport applications will remain at four weeks or less for routine service and two weeks door-to-door for expedited service. Customers planning to travel within two weeks or requiring passports to obtain foreign visas should make an appointment at the nearest passport agency.

Customers should check the State Department web site at travel.state.gov or call the National Passport Information Center at 1-877-487-2778 for updates to the situation.

If you need further information, please call the Passaic County Clerk’s office at 973-225-3690.