



NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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PARMA OFFERS ACCESS TO STATEWIDE BIRTH CERTIFICATES

(PARMA) – The City of Parma can now make available copies of birth certificates of individuals born anywhere in Ohio. The statewide procedure making it easier to obtain copies of birth certificates has been adopted by the City of Parma’s Vital Statistics Department.

“This creates one stop shopping for anyone in need of a birth certificate copy from any city in Ohio,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “What used to take several days by mail can now be achieved in a matter of minutes regardless of the county in which the birth occurred.”

Local municipalities taking part in the program are using data provided by the Ohio Department of Health. Parma City Auditor Dennis Kish said the change which began January 1, 2011 is a great service to customers across the region.

“Our aim has always been to be resident friendly,” said Auditor Dennis Kish. “This goes a long way to achieve that goal. The real beauty of the program is that you can get same day service if you come to Parma City Hall for the certified copy.”

Anyone in Parma or a nearby suburb, whether they were born in Middleburg Hts., Cleveland, Columbus or elsewhere in Ohio, may now get their birth certificate at Parma City Hall. Prior to January 1, 2011, Parma could only issue birth certificates for people that were born at Parma Hospital or within the Parma City limits.

A certified certificate may be purchased directly through our office for a fee of \$25.00. Purchasing options are as follows:

- In person, at Parma City Hall. Vital Statistics Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30AM – 4:00PM. We ask that you arrive no later than 3:45 for same day service. The cost is \$25.00 per certificate. Cash, Visa, and MasterCard are acceptable methods of payment. We will also accept a personal check accompanied by an Ohio Driver’s License. The address on the check must match the address on the license.

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- By phone, using either Visa or MasterCard; the direct phone number to the Vital Statistics Office is 440-885-8816. Orders placed before 9:30 AM will be mailed out the same day, orders placed after 9:30 AM will be mailed out the next business day. Certificates are mailed using United States Postal Service.

- A request can also be mailed to our office. Please send a letter stating the following information:
 - Full Name at Birth
 - Date of Birth
 - Name of Hospital along with the county born in
 - Mother's full maiden name with the state or country where she was born
 - Father's full name with the state or country where he was born
 - Number of certificates requested

Payments for mail requests must be in the form of a *money order* or *bank check* made payable to the City of Parma. Personal checks will not be accepted and will be returned to you. Please include a self addressed stamped envelope. Mail requests are processed and returned to you the same day as they are received.

If you have any further questions, please contact our office via email or by phone at 440-885-8816. Additional information can also be found on our website at <http://www.cityofparma-oh.gov>

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