

HOUSTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Birth And Death Certificates

Attention: Due to developments within Vital Statistics Department of State Health, the City of Houston, Bureau of Vital Statistics has temporarily suspended on-line orders.

**Customers that have already placed their orders on-line will be processed.

Beginning Monday, February 15, 2016:

- Hours of operation for the City of Houston, Bureau of Vital Statistics lobby area will be temporarily changed to 8:00am – 3:00pm Monday-Thursday
- Fridays Closed
- Funeral Directors contact (713) 837-0311 for further instructions
- All Remote Sites will be temporarily closed
- These changes will remain in effect until further notice.

Customers applying in person have been restricted to only (1) one full size birth/death certificate per application.

Customers that are requesting Certified Birth Fact (Abstract Certificate) will not be impacted by the restricted orders.

Customers that need more than one full size certificate may order additional records through the State office:

- Mail-in orders: The Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, P.O. Box 12040, Austin, Texas
- On-line orders: www.Texasonline.gov “Due to changes being made to Vital Record (Birth/Death Certificate) security paper, supplies are currently limited. Beginning February 10, 2016, all requests are limited to one certified copy per application.”

Note: As of, January 1, 2016, Vital Statistics will no longer be accepting mail-in vital record requests with the exception of death certificates. Contact the office for more information.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective September 1, 2015 - Senate Bill 200, Article 5 amended Section 191.0031 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (HSC) to state that the state registrar or a local registrar may not issue a certified copy of a record to a person who has applied for the record by mail unless the person has provided notarized proof of identity. In accordance with HSC §191.0031, City of Houston, Vital Statistics Mail-In Request will be amended to require applicants provide a notarized proof of identity. The Application and Notarized Proof of Identification are two separate forms and both must be submitted along with the photo identification. Applications without photo ID and the attached sworn statement will not be processed.

How to apply for a Certified Record:

1. Apply in person at 8000 North Stadium Drive for Birth and Death records

Select and print a copy of the application from below

- Application For Certified Copy of Birth Certificate/Death Certificate
- Aplicación la certificado de nacimiento y certificado de defunción
- Complete the application
- Copy of valid identification (Primary and Secondary see list) [Click Here](#)
- Contact the office for more information

**BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
(Birth and Death Certificates)
8000 North Stadium Drive
Houston, TX 77054**

Phone Number:
3-1-1 for local calls and
(713) 837-0311 for calls outside
the Houston city limits

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