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Fort Bend County issues most passports in greater Houston area

Fort Bend County has issued more passports than any other county in the great Houston region, the U.S. Department of State announced.

Fort Bend County District Clerk Beverly McGrew Walker said that the Houston Passport Agency, associated with the U.S. Department of State, has recognized her office for accepting the highest volume of passport applications in fiscal year 2023.

"The Fort Bend County District Clerk's Office processed 24,240 passport applications in fiscal year 2023, bringing an additional \$1,037,910 into the Fort Bend County general fund," she said.

The Fort Bend County District Clerk's passport facility is open in Richmond Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The facility operates on an appointment basis, but currently takes walk-ins until 2 p.m.

The passport office located in the Fort Bend County Sienna Annex at 5855 Sienna Springs Way, Missouri City, also takes appointments and walk-ins.

According to Michelle Jochen, chief deputy district clerk, passport appointments can be made from any computer or cell phone by going to the Fort Bend County District Clerk's website and clicking on passport appointments.

At this website, members of the public can opt for a passport book, passport card or both, and decide the appropriate dollar amount needed prior to coming to the appointment.

The U.S. Department of State only accepts personal checks, cashier's checks, or money orders with passport applications.

The \$35 execution fee can be paid with a credit card or cash.

Photos are also taken at the site for \$15.

For additional information, contact the Fort Bend County District Clerk's Passport Office at 281-341-4509.



Beverly Walker