Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum Offers Contactless Method to Obtain Ingham County Birth Records

MASON – Today, Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum (D-Onondaga) is notifying residents of a safe and easy process to request a certified copy of a birth record from the Ingham County Clerk’s Office.

“One of my duties as Ingham County Clerk is to provide those born in Ingham County the means to purchase certified copies of their birth records,” said Byrum. “I have seen a dramatic increase in the number of these requested in the last few weeks and I want to proactively offer a simple and health-conscious process to obtain these vital records for those that need them.”

This time of year typically sees an increase in Birth Record requests because parents of soon-to-be school age children need to provide a certified copy of their child’s birth record to their school district for Kindergarten Roundup. In addition, many individuals are having to provide a copy of their birth record to the Secretary of State due to the REAL ID guidelines. Finally, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing increase in unemployment claims, the state Unemployment Insurance Agency has started requesting claimants prove their identity by providing, among other documents, a certified copy of their birth record.

“I have been in the office every day since the COVID-19 outbreak to ensure that the residents of Ingham County have access to their vital records,” said Byrum. “The amount of requests I have received for birth records has gone up dramatically in the last several weeks. I invite those that need them and who are able, to visit my website and submit their requests via email or fax.”

While Clerk Byrum’s Office has not been open for walk-ins from the public, the Clerk has been scheduling emergency appointments with strict safety protocols nearly every day. The birth record request transaction, is one that requires no in-person appointment, however.

“If you are listed on the birth record either as the parent or the subject of the record, you need only complete a short form from my website and provide a picture of your government-issued photo identification via email to purchase a copy,” said Byrum. “This is a quick and safe way for you to obtain these vital records while keeping the public and my staff healthy.”

Those seeking the Birth Record Request Form can find it at clerk.ingham.org and they can send the form and picture of government-issued photo identification to inghamclerk@ingham.org. Alternatively, requestors may fax this information to (517) 676-7254 or mail it to: Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum, P.O. Box 179, Mason, MI 48854. For more information, they may call (517) 676-7201.

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