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REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFERS NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATE SERVICE FOR NORTH CAROLINA-BORN RESIDENTS

NEWTON, NC – The Catawba County Register of Deeds now has access to the statewide Electronic Birth Registration System (EBRS), which enables the office to search for and provide birth certificates to any individual born in a North Carolina county in the year 1971 or later.

“While we have always been able to provide birth certificates for individuals born in Catawba County, having access to the EBRS system allows us to extend our birth certificate fulfillment services to residents born in other North Carolina counties,” said Register of Deeds Donna Hicks Spencer. “It provides a convenient way for more local residents to obtain their birth certificates as quickly and efficiently as possible for things such as school, sports or social security registration or even work-related needs or visits to the DMV.”

The Register of Deeds continues to fulfill birth certificate requests for anyone born in Catawba County for a fee of \$10. The fee to receive a birth certificate from the EBRS system is \$24, which includes the office’s \$10 processing fee and a \$14 non-refundable search fee charged by the state to access the system. If an individual needs a birth certificate from a state other than North Carolina, the office will provide information about how to make that request in his or her birth county.

Requests for birth certificates require proof of identity and can be made online, by mail, or in person at the Register of Deeds office. More information about each option, as well as accepted forms of identification and who can make the request on your behalf, is available on the Register of Deeds web page at www.catawbacountync.gov/rod.

Most in-person requests for North Carolina birth certificates can be completed on a walk-in basis with a fairly short turnaround time. More complex services related to birth certificates, such as amendments, legitimations, or delayed birth certificates, may also be completed on a same-day basis but take longer to fulfill. For these services, the Register of Deeds emphasizes the importance of making an appointment and allowing for a minimum of one to one-and-a-half hours for the request to be processed.

Appointments with the Register of Deeds can be made by calling (828) 465-1573 Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm.

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