



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, March 18, 2024

CONTACT:

Mailei Oliva, moliva@sandiego.gov

U.S. Passport Photo Fee Waiver Natural Disaster Program

The Office of the City Clerk's Passport Acceptance Facility will waive the \$10.50 passport photo fee for eligible flood survivors.

SAN DIEGO – In response to the Major Disaster Declaration for California, the City Council approved an action to allow the City Clerk to waive fees for passport photos to assist in replacing lost or damaged U.S. Passports as a result of the severe weather in January.

This major disaster declaration allows the U.S Department of State to waive U.S. Passport replacement fees for those individuals who had active U.S Passports at the time of the disaster, and whose Passports were damaged or lost as a direct result of the disaster. Under this fee waiver, applicants are required to submit a new passport photo.

Waiving passport photo fees for those affected by this natural disaster is vital, easing financial strain and administrative hurdles during recovery. This act of support ensures equal access to essential documentation and demonstrates the city's commitment to assisting residents during this time of crisis.

Flood survivors are encouraged to visit the [U.S Department of State Replacing Your Passport After a Disaster webpage](#) for details on eligibility for the replacement of passports.

Individuals needing assistance with completing the forms may visit the Office of the City Clerk during business hours in the lobby at the City Administration building. No appointment is necessary.

City Administration Building is located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. An appointment request form is also available [here](#). Please visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/inforecords/passport> for additional passport information or call 619-533-4000.

###