



Locations and Hours



The Calhoun County License Commissioner operates locations throughout the county.

Calhoun County Administration Building
1702 Noble Street, STE 107
Anniston, AL 36201
(256) 241-2900
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday -Friday
(We are located in the old Sears building)

Piedmont Municipal Complex
(County Annex)
109 Center Avenue North
Piedmont, AL 36272
(256) 447-3560
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Closed 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. daily for lunch

Jacksonville Trooper Post (Public Safety)
1703 Pelham Road South
Jacksonville, AL 36265
(256) 435-7006
(Drivers license only, all other motor vehicle transactions must be done in Anniston or Piedmont)

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COUNTY TO RENOVATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OFFICE

(The Anniston Star)
By Dan Whisenhunt
Star Staff Writer

Renewing a driver's license in Calhoun County tries the patience of everyone involved, says Calhoun County License Commissioner Barry Robertson.

The renewal office in the County Administration Building aches for space. When the computer network for background checks goes down, the line of people waiting spills into the hallway. The Calhoun County Commission hopes to fix the problem soon.

By January 2008, Robertson said, people will have more breathing room in the license commissioner's office. The county will convert an adjacent room, now used for storage, into a dedicated space for the job, alleviating congestion and hopefully frustration. The county will convert the current license office into a conference room.

Robertson points out dark smudges on the wall where customers have pawed it, waiting. "We're trying to make it a more accessible and convenient service area for the general public," he said. Since December 2005, the driver's license office has been saddled with the provisions of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's REAL ID Act. The law requires background checks before a license is renewed. But, according to driver's license clerk Bonnie Alldredge, when networks shut down; they go down all over the state. On average, Robertson said, his office handles 100 renewals per day. Tuesday, the system crashed again. "At points it's very hectic and congested, hence the renovation," Alldredge said.

The county is taking the project on as a public works expense because the bids for the project came in too high – around \$80,000. Robertson thinks the county can do the work in-house for less. He said the original architect's plans called for moving electrical wiring under the floor, which would have added expense. "In retail you try to make the most you can with the space that you have, and that's what we're going to do here," Robertson said.

From a business standpoint, the renovations are overdue, said County Administrator Ken Joiner. "Your needs are ever constantly changing in government, just like in private business, and this is a need that needs to be accommodated," he said.

(The project was completed at a cost of approximately \$26,000.00, a savings of over \$54,000.00. We look forward to seeing you when renewing your license.)

STATE'S NEW LICENSE PLATES FEATURE BEACH SCENE AND

"Sweet Home *Alabama*"



original art

ANNISTON – The design for the new license plate, which goes into circulation in January, was announced earlier this month. The new car tag features a colorful beach scene and the phrase "Sweet Home Alabama" and will replace the "Stars Fell on Alabama" plates that have been in use since 2002.

The Luckie Advertising Agency of Birmingham, Alabama developed the new design. The new design is the first full standard issued plate using original art and the new state digital issuing system by the 3M corporation.

The plate is environmentally friendly made of recyclable aluminum. Over four million tags will be shipped to county licensing officials within the next few months. Currently, Calhoun County has approximately 30,000 tags in inventory.

Alabama Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division director, Brenda Coone, said car owners still have the option to select the "God Bless America" license plate with the patriotic flag design that does not identify the county where the plate was purchased. County licensing officials will begin issuing the new license plates January 2, 2009. The plates can be personalized with a maximum of seven characters. The new tag will be issued for the next five years.

Alabama Department of Revenue

News Release

New Walk-In Assistance Hours for State Motor Vehicle Division Office

MONTGOMERY - The Alabama Department of Revenue announced today that its Motor Vehicle Division will offer new hours for its walk-in counter service beginning Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007. The new hours will be 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The department's Motor Vehicle Division, located on the first floor of the Gordon Persons Building, 50 North Ripley Street, offers walk-in assistance to customers seeking motor vehicle title assistance, International Registration Plan (IRP) registrations and/or renewals, and International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) registrations.

Customers' response to the possibility of earlier counter-service hours has been very positive. The department's Motor Vehicle Division serves over 15,000 walk-in customers annually in the registration and titling areas.



RENEW ONLINE



Calhoun County residents currently have had the ability to renew their tags online with the use of a credit card since October 2006. However, residents now may renew in addition to their motor vehicles, boats, manufactured homes and business/private licenses online. The method of payment has also expanded to include checks and debit cards.

The new system, developed by IMS Enterprises offers more advanced features for renewing online. The new system allows customers to renew quickly and easily and all transactions are extremely secure and protected. This year to date approximately 5,058 transactions have been processed online. That translates to \$471,581 in total revenue beginning January thru October 2008.

The Commissioner of Licenses Office is proud to be able to provide additional services to the citizens of Calhoun County and hope to be able to update each service annually. In order to renew online, as well as obtain other valuable information regarding motor vehicle tags, titles, boats, hunting & fishing licenses, manufactured homes and business license, please go to WWW.CALHOUNCOUNTYAL.ORG.