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KNOCK KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?

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ANNISTON – People selling door-to-door in Calhoun County will now have to get background checks and will be banned from working after sundown. Thanks to the passage of a bill sponsored by state Rep. Randy Wood, R-Saks, sales people in Calhoun County have to apply for individual licenses and go through criminal background checks with the Sheriff's Office before selling in neighborhoods. The new law also requires salespeople to wear identification badges and attach signs to their vehicles displaying contact information of the company for which they work.

Calhoun County License Commissioner Barry Robertson said he asked for more regulations after fielding complaints from residents about door-to-door sales pitches. As well, Calhoun County Sheriff Larry Amerson said the number of residents complaining about being ripped off by door-to-door scammers has skyrocketed in recent years. While most of those salespeople were legitimate, Robertson said clumsy approaches and pushy tactics have made some residents uneasy. The bill shall not limit or prevent the sale of charitable items by volunteer organizations such as volunteer fire departments, churches and civic clubs.



Pictured left to right: license commissioner Barry E. Robertson, Rep. Barbara Boyd, ADA deputy director Barry Matson, Governor Robert Bentley, Calhoun County DA Brian McVeigh, bill sponsor Representative Randy Wood

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

HOURS AND LOCATIONS



“Calhoun Tags”, available on iOS and Android smartphones, provides a fast and efficient way to renew your tag without having to come to the administration

building. You can even sign up for push, text, or email notifications to remind when you are up for renewal. Simply go to the Apple App or the Google Play store to download it to your smartphone at no cost.

Kenneth L. Joiner
Administration Building
1702 Noble Street, Suite 107
Anniston, AL 36201
8 AM to 4:30 PM – Mon - Fri
256-241-2900

Alvin E. Gibbs, County Annex
109 Center Avenue North
Piedmont, AL 36272
8 AM to 4:30 PM – Mon-Fri
Closed 11:30 to 12:30 for Lunch
256-447-3566

Alexandria Community Center
*(former Alexandria United
Methodist Church)*
2065 Alexandria-Wellington Rd
Alexandria, AL 36250
8 AM to 4:30 PM – Mon - Fri
Closed 11:30 to 12:30 for Lunch



ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY CENTER AND COMMISSIONER OF LICENSES OFFICE OFFICIALLY OPENS

CALHOUN COMMUNITY PRESS



The former United Methodist church in Alexandria on Alexandria Wellington Road has been converted to a community center and the new Alexandria branch of the Calhoun County License Commissioners office. Housed in a portion of the facility in the basement, Calhoun County residents gathered at the Alexandria Community Center for the official ribbon cutting ceremony and attended the Open House where food and refreshments were served to those that attended the event.

The facility is more convenient for Ohatchee, Alexandria and Jacksonville residents primarily, but it is open to all county residents. According to Calhoun County Commissioner of Licenses, Barry Robertson, an Oxford resident renewed his vehicle tags within just a few days of the facility opening.

Work on the church and the adjoining grounds, has been a lengthy project directed by Calhoun County Commissioner, J.D. Hess. Work included the conversion of the church, building a stone waterfall in the adjoining park, landscaping, pavilion that can be rented for events, the moving of a bridge and the original library to

the park. Use of the property for the residents of the county was made possible by Ronnie Carr who donated the property to the county. "Ronnie Carr believed in his community. Without him this would not have been a reality," said Hess.

The grounds and pavilion are used by Alexandria residents in December to celebrate "Christmas in the Valley". Event space is available for weddings, receptions and parties.

SIGN LANGUAGE

Beginning November 1, 2015, Calhoun County Commissioner of License Office will have two license clerks certified in American Sign Language. ASL is a primary language of many North Americans who are deaf or hearing impaired.

In a statement, Robertson said, "We are pleased to be able to offer this program in order to better serve those with speech and hearing impairments."

hello



thank you



DRIVER LICENSE FEES GO UP

The increase comes after The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency announced plans to revamp the licensing system in August of last year in an effort to recoup the cost of producing the license.

Under the new fee schedule, a driver license will now cost \$36.25 according to the agency's website. It will cost \$31.25 to get a duplicate or to change information on a license, such as a surname or address.

In a release statement, ALEA stated that "the cost for the state to produce and issue an Alabama driver license far exceeds the cost the citizen is charged to obtain a driver license."

Testing and issuance fees for non-driver identification cards for senior citizens or individuals with physical or mental disabilities will not be changed.

The release statement stated that the goals of the law enforcement agency were to use the additional revenue to update the software used to issue licenses and fill office positions vacated by state troopers now patrolling the highways.

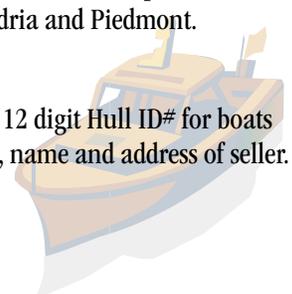
BOAT REGISTRATION

Alabama registers all mechanically propelled vessels, sailboats and boats for hire. Boat owners may register, renew or transfer boat ownership at the Commissioner of Licenses Offices in Anniston, Alexandria and Piedmont.

Documents required for registration:

Bill of sale to include: Alabama Registration Number, 12 digit Hull ID# for boats manufactured after 1972, date of sale, purchase price, name and address of seller.

- Copy of out of state registration if possible.
- Valid, current driver license or state issued ID.



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