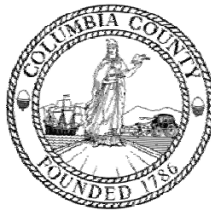


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### Clerk Encourages Motorcyclists to Renew Locally; Enacts Drop-Box for DMV Transactions

Hudson – Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner would like to encourage all who drive motorcycles to renew their registrations in the local Hudson office as opposed to mailing them to the state DMV for renewal. “The State has slowly been taking away registrations on many renewals, and the motorcycle is the latest victim”, stated Tanner. “When you mail ANY registration renewal to the Utica address, or go online, the local municipality receives zero retention of the fees,” explained Tanner. There sometimes can be a delay in receiving documents back from a state office, and Clerk Tanner is quick to point out that her processing time is much quicker from mail than the state; we try to run an express window for these types of renewals, and I have been known to man it Clerk Tanner said. When people renew locally, either through the mail or by coming into the Hudson DMV, the county realizes 12.7 percent of the fee charged. “That is an important distinction for people to make in this dire economic climate, for all DMV transactions, that to renew locally is to keep a portion of your fees in the local economy,” stated Tanner. To that end, Clerk Tanner is implementing a secure drop box, to be used for all DMV renewals. “During off-hours and weekends, customers can simply sign their invitation form that they received in the mail, attach a check for the fee made payable to the Columbia County Clerk and drop it in the drop box located at 560 Warren St. for processing. I will guarantee a quick turnaround time,” stated Tanner. Customers can also mail to the 560 Warren Street address, or come into the office for quick, friendly service. “We also have pre-addressed envelopes for people to use, they are available at most town halls and some county offices,” stated Tanner, “I would encourage everyone to help support your local DMV by processing your DMV transactions locally.” The drop-box will be available for use by the weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Hudson DMV and County Clerk offices are open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with DMV open until 6:45 p.m. on Thursdays. The DMV phone number is 518.828.3350 and the Clerk’ number is 518.828.3339. There is also a website link on the county website – [www.columbiacountyny.com](http://www.columbiacountyny.com), dept. links – click on County Clerk.