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Update on Changes to U.S. Passport Application Process from Trump Administration's Executive Order

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What is the issue: As of February 11, 2025, the U.S. Department of State has published a new webpage [Sex Marker in Passports](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/passport-help/sex-marker.html) (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/passport-help/sex-marker.html>) providing some further guidance about the impacts from President Trump's Executive Order regarding gender on January 20, 2025. Under the executive order, the U.S. Department of State will no longer issue U.S. passports or Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBAs) with an X marker. They will only issue passports with an M or F sex marker that match the customer's biological sex at birth.

The website www.travel.state.gov/gender that is listed on some passport applications for more information is no longer available. All information on the DS-11 04-2022 under Section C(3) no longer is recognized by the USDOS.

What does this mean: The Monroe County Clerk's Office acknowledges that passports that may have been processed by our office, or other local U.S. Passport agents, where a sex marker was requested to change or issue an "X" sex marker are likely to be rejected or returned with what the State Department considers a "correct gender." All passport fees being non-refundable by statute.

Who does this impact: Anyone wishing to apply for a U.S. Passport with an "X" sex marker or request a sex marker change to a previously issued-U.S. Passport.

What we are doing: The Monroe County Clerk's Office is committed to helping everyone who has questions about their passport application and anyone who may be impacted by this denial of services. Our office and staff will be here to offer a safe space to work together and figure out the next steps. While printed applications (DS-11 04-2022) still list "X" under gender and an option to change gender marker, these options have been removed from the online fillable document. The Monroe County Clerk's Office will not deny anyone who wishes to apply using the "X" gender marker or who wishes to apply to change their gender marker.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- The REAL ID deadline from the TSA will take effect May 7, 2025, anyone boarding a domestic flight must have a REAL ID or U.S. Passport.
- All information on the DS-11 04-2022 under Section C(3) no longer is recognized by the USDOS.
- The website www.travel.state.gov/gender that is listed on passport applications for more information is no longer available.
- The USDOS is updating their new policies on Sex Markers on Passports at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/passport-help/sex-marker.html>

What Can I Do? Please see back of this publication.

What are my options? If you are not sure what to do next, or need assistance to review your particular circumstances and concerns on this issue you can visit the front counter of the Monroe County Clerk's Office at 39 West Main Street, Room 101, County Office Building, Rochester, NY 14614, email us at mcclerk@monroecounty.gov or call 585-753-1645. Below are other community partners who can also be resources for you:

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