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**Missouri Birth and Death Certificates Available from County
Department of Community Health and the Environment**
Convenient and Fast Service Available to Obtain Vital Records

St. Charles County — Since 1995 the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment has been able to locally print Missouri birth and death certificates, yet county residents are still not aware of this convenient and timesaving service. Certified computer-generated birth certificates with a raised seal can be issued at the Department of Community Health and the Environment's Boone's Lick facility for persons born anywhere in the state from 1920 to present. Certified computer-generated death certificates can be issued for deaths occurring anywhere in Missouri since 1980. The average waiting time for available records is ten to 20 minutes, sometimes less. The cost for each certified record is ten dollars.

According to Gil Copley, Director of the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment, "We are repeatedly told that residents are traveling to St. Louis City or St. Louis County or even mailing applications to the state in order to obtain certified birth and death records. In almost every case, residents can make a short trip to the county's office located at 1650

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Boone's Lick Road in St. Charles and avoid a long drive or, in the case of applications mailed to the State Department of Health, a long wait. Free parking is also an added benefit."

When the computer-generated version of a certificate has an error, the state must make corrections before it can be issued. Certificates that cannot be issued by this department must be obtained through the Missouri Department of Health in Jefferson City. For some purposes, such as genealogy, insurance or when the birth registration was delayed, a certified copy of the *original* document is needed and can be requested from Jefferson City.

For residents wanting to save time, printable copies of the applications for birth and death certificates are available at any time by clicking on the "Birth and Death Records" link on the lower right of the Department of Community Health and the Environment home page at www.scchealth.org. Although online ordering is not yet available, once printed the application can be filled out and mailed in with a ten-dollar fee or brought to the Boone's Lick facility from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Applications received in the mail are processed the same day. For more information, contact the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment at 636-949-7400.